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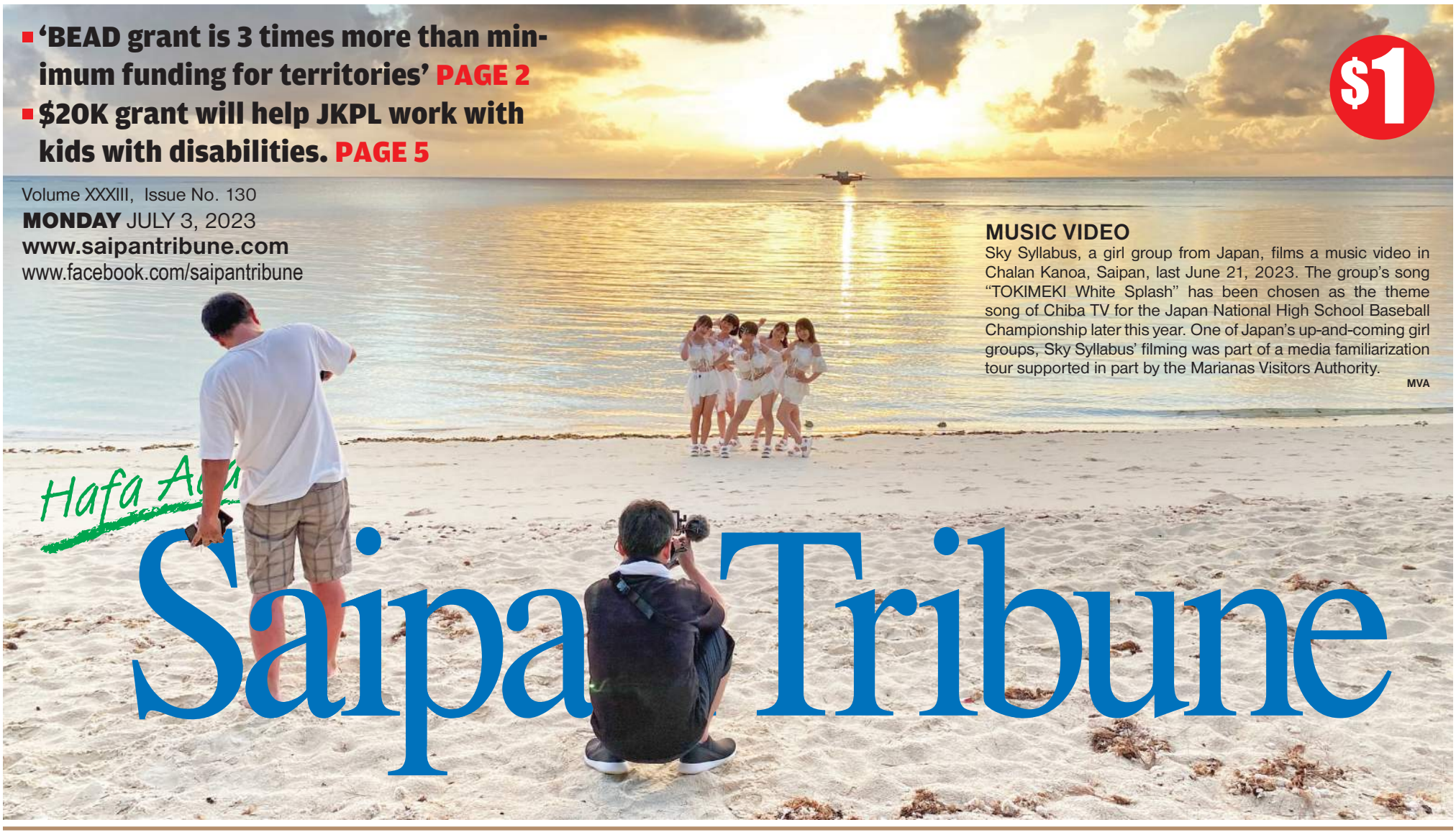

MUSIC VIDEO
Sky Syllabus, a girl group from Japan, films a music video in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, last June 21, 2023. The group’s song “TOKIMEKI White Splash” has been chosen as the theme song of Chiba TV for the Japan National High School Baseball Championship later this year. One of Japan’s up-and-coming girl groups, Sky Syllabus’ filming was part of a media familiarization tour supported in part by the Marianas Visitors Authority.
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NMI at risk of severe fiscal crisis

» Total outstanding public debt at $114.1M
» GAO: CNMI’s financial management and reporting has worsened
» CNMI government does not have an active credit rating

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As of Sept. 30, 2020, the CNMI’s total outstanding public debt was at $114.1 million, and with limited financial prospects and weak financial management practices persisting, the Commonwealth is at risk of a severe fiscal crisis, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report released over the weekend.

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SMA raises airfare effective Aug. 1

Christian

The CNMI’s lone interisland carrier, Star Marianas Air, is increasing its airfare effective Aug. 1, 2023, citing current market conditions and operational costs.

SMA announced the new rates in a message posted on its website and social media page last Friday, with SMA president Shaun R. Christian saying the company is committed to having a sustainable operation.

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NOAA predicts above-normal storm activity in region

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says the Marianas region can expect above-normal tropical cyclone activity for the reminder of the year following the islands’ shift into El Niño season.

Citing data from the National Weather Service in Guam, NOAA has advised that the

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LibDay Festival officially starts

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Officially kickstarting the nearly monthlong festivities, many members of the community and dignitaries joined the Office of the Mayor of for the opening ceremony of the CNMI’s 77th Liberation Day Festival last Saturday evening at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Despite several challenges, the Saipan Mayor’s Office and the Liberation Day Committee pulled off the feat in keeping the traditional celebration, with the 2023 edition of the Liberation Day

CHRYSTAL MARINO
The Kagman High School Color Guard posts the colors at the opening ceremony of the 77th Liberation Day Festival last Saturday evening at the Garapan Fishing Base.

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Local

'Grant is 3 times more than minimum funding for territories'

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The $80.8 million awarded to the CNMI for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program is more than three times the U.S. territories' minimum funding allocation of $25 million, which Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) credits to the work of the Palacios-Apatang administration.

In his e-kilili newsletter over the weekend, Sablan said that, according to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration last Monday, the CNMI's Broadband Policy and Development Program will receive $80,796,709 over five years to develop and expand broadband infrastructure for unserved and underserved communities in the Marianas.

He said the BEAD Program was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that the U.S. Congress passed and President Joe Biden signed into law in 2021.

Sablan said that Glen Hunter, who is the administration's special assistant for Broadband Policy and Development, briefed his (Sablan) chief of staff, Bob Schwalbach, Wednesday on the BEAD grand and other funding opportunities the congressional office and the Palacios administration can work on together to improve broadband speed, reliability, and coverage in the Marianas.

Meanwhile, Sablan disclosed last week that the U.S. Congress is providing $12.06 million to pave and widen Mount Tapochao Road on Saipan.

He said funds for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Act were first included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and augmented in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2023.

The delegate said the construction work paid for with this grant to the CNMI Department of Public Works should end the wash-outs and allow vehicles traveling in opposite directions to pass each other safely on the mountain road. Part of the plan are sidewalks, new guardrails, and warning signs.

Senate also confirms Sirok, Angello as PUC members

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The lack of a functioning Public Utilities Commission since 2014 is over after the Senate confirmed Friday the appointment of former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. counsel James S. Sirok and former Northern Marianas College academic administrator Dr. John "Jack" Angello to serve as members of the PUC.

All seven senators present voted "yes" to the adoption of the reports by the Senate Executive Appointments & Government Investigations Committee. The reports recommended the confirmation of the two PUC nominees, representing Saipan and Northern Islands.

The House of Representatives had already confirmed the two's appointment.

Sirok will serve a four-year term that will expire on April 3, 2026, while Angello will serve a four-year term that will expire on April 2, 2024.

At Friday's Senate special session, EAGI Committee chair Sen. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) said that Sirok was appointed to PUC last April 4, and Angelo last May 12, and that both appeared at the Senate confirmation hearing last June 16.

Babauta said it is the consensus of the committee that Sirok's experience as a former CUC legal counsel provides not just a passing familiarity but an intricate understanding of the complexities of utility management, including telecommunications and energy related matters.

She said Angello has served in multiple capacities and has work different hats in the CNMI, to include being a principal in the Public School System and lending his talents to assist in writing legislation in the CNMI Legislature. Babauta said that makes Angello a well-rounded candidate to serve on PUC for which he was nominated.

Before the voting, Senate president Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) said she is actually relieved about confirming Sirok and Angello that afternoon.

"It's been a long time coming," said DeLeon Guerrero.

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) urged Sirok and Angello to look into a public law that was enacted by the 14th Legislature, which allows for a special rate for commercial ranchers and farmers in the CNMI, and he requested the nominees to review whether that was ever initiated.

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CHCC visiting public schools in immunization outreach

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Immunization Program is visiting several school campuses throughout the month to provide outreach services for school health certificates and vaccination to children who need to be brought up-to-date with recommended immunizations for the upcoming school year 2023-2024.

The time for outreach is from 8:30am-3:00pm, dates and location are as follows:

- July 8, 2023: Kagman Elementary School (cafeteria)
- July 15, 2023: Marianas High School (cafeteria)
- July 22, 2023: Garapan Elementary School (classroom)
- July 29, 2023: Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (cafeteria)

Directional signs will be posted at each school.

The CHCC team already visited Koblerville Elementary School last July 1.

Who is the Immunization Outreach for?

This outreach is open for individuals who need an update with their immunizations for daycare/school and people ages 12+ who need a COVID-19 vaccine. The first 30 people (ages 12+) who get a COVID-19 vaccine at an outreach will also receive a gas voucher.

School heath certificate process at outreach:

- Bring your child to a school outreach site. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.
- Our team will verify if your child is up to date on vaccinations for the upcoming school year 2023-2024.
- Children who are not up to date are able to get vaccinated at the school outreach site. If vaccines are unavailable, a temporary school health certificate (30 days) will be issued.
- Pay $5 (cash only, exact change preferred) for a school health certificate
- Get your child(ren) school health certificate on site and submit to respective school/daycare.

How can I find out if my child is up to date?

To find out if your child is up to date with their vaccines, please call the CNMI Immunization Program at (670) 236-8745 to ensure contact information is correct.

What if I have a Daycare/Childcare Verification form?

Daycare/childcare verification requires additional time to complete. We advise parents to bring these verification forms to the CHCC Immunization Clinic for processing, Monday-Friday 7:30am to 4:30Ppm. Note that the CHCC Immunization Program/Clinic on Saipan will be closed on Saturdays for these outreach dates.

Is there transportation assistance available to and from outreach?

Yes! Transportation assistance is available through the MICAH-F2F Health Information Center. Contact Chrislaine Manibusan at (670) 664-8700 or (670) 287-7464 for more information. Limited vouchers available and reservation must be made two days before your appointment. ***(CHCC)***

Chong appointed to CHCC board

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios has appointed licensed clinical social worker Phyllis Chong to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of trustees.

If confirmed by the Senate, Chong will represent Saipan and Northern Islands on the CHCC board. She will serve a six-year term that became vacant and will expire on June 22, 2029.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Jury selection on July 10 vacated

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel "23PS" that the jury selection scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 8:30am is hereby vacated until further notice. For more information, contact the acting clerk of court Janina Maratita of the Superior Court at (670) 236-9744. ***(PR)***

4.9-magnitude quake near Merizo, Guam

At 1:54pm on June 28, 2023, a report of a 4.9-magnitude earthquake occurred 20 km south-southwest of Merizo Village, Guam. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories that were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 670-237-8000. ***(PR)***

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (Authority) is inviting qualified cybersecurity consulting firms (Proposers) to provide a Cybersecurity Infrastructure Assessment Report (CIAR) and to develop a Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan (CIRP) and a task-based CIRP Implementation Plan.

The RFP Package is available beginning June 26, 2023, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of an administrative fee of $50.00 payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority". Payment shall be by cash, certified cashier's check, postal money order, or credit card. All applicants shall pay the reasonable administrative fee of $50.00 to receive a copy of the proposal.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

RFP Issued Date	June 26, 2023
Applicant Briefing at CPA Meeting Room	July 07, 2023 (10:30 A.M.)
Deadline to Submit Questions	July 14, 2023
Deadline to Submit Proposals	July 28, 2023 (4:00 PM)
Evaluation's Committee's Selection	August 4, 2023
Execution of Professional Services Agreement	August 11, 2023
Project Completion	September 15, 2023

Qualified proposers shall submit their proposals sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Cybersecurity Assessment, Cyber Resilience Program, and Implementation Plan, Project No. CPA-RFP-012-23". Proposals must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Local Time, July 28, 2023,** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

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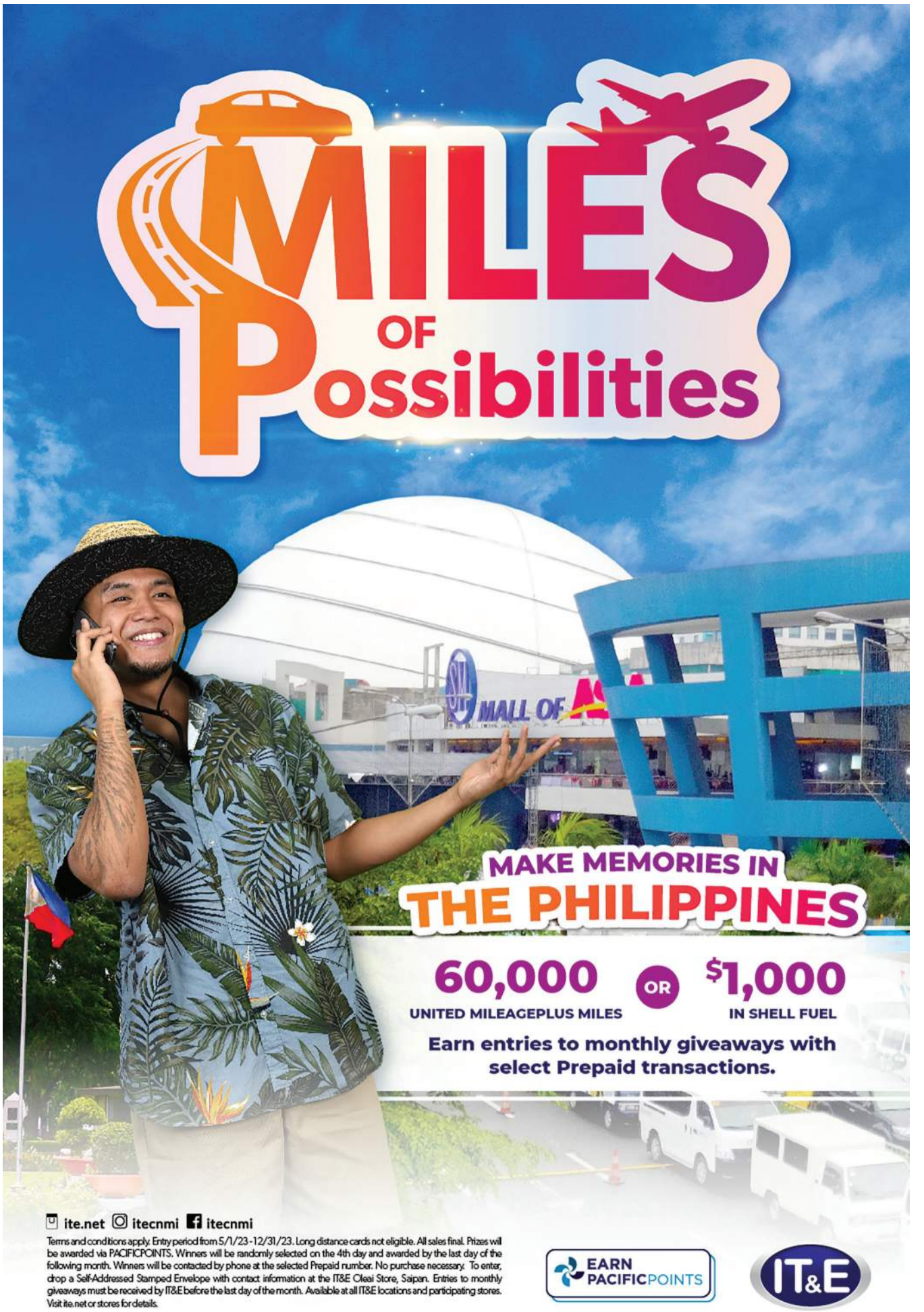
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CUC board to ratify or not Peavey's termination

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors will hold a special meeting today, Monday, to decide whether or not to ratify the termination of Dr. Dallas M. Peavey Jr. as deputy director for CUC's electric power systems, and as acting executive director.

CUC board chair Janice A. Tenorio called for the special board meeting today at 8:30am in the CUC conference room at the Joeten Dandan Building.

Saipan Tribune sources disclosed that Peavey, or on his behalf, appealed his termination to the CUC board. This caused CUC to hire Labor chief administrative hearing officer Jacqueline A. Nicolas to hold hearings on the appeal.

Peavey Jr.

Sources said Peavey, who is now in the U.S. mainland, did not personally attend the hearings.

Tenorio first designated Peavey as acting CUC executive director last Feb. after Gary P. Camacho resigned as executive director, then subsequently fired him.

Peavey was hired last year as deputy director for CUC's electric power systems.

Last April 25, Tenorio, who was then the CUC board chair pro tem, fired Peavey as acting executive director and as deputy director for electric power systems.

Tenorio informed Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang in a letter that she and CUC's Human Resources staff became aware that Peavey had "exhibited dishonesty and a lack of candor" in his application to serve as deputy director for electric power systems.

CUC deputy director for water/wastewater Chretien T. Voerg was then designated as acting CUC executive director. But last April 26, or two days after his designation as acting executive director, he resigned from his duties as acting executive director and as deputy executive director.

NOAA

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U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands of the Federal States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the CNMI, and Guam will likely see above-normal tropical cyclone activity for the remainder of 2023.

Meanwhile, tropical cyclone activity across the Republic of Palau is anticipated to be normal to below normal for the remainder of 2023.

According to NOAA's projections, the above-normal activity is consistent with the region's recent shift to El Niño as supported by the latest NOAA Climate Prediction Center ENSO Diagnostics Discussion.

"With 2023's transition to an El Niño pattern, it's important to understand the relationship of interannual variability of tropical cyclone activity based on the ENSO phase. When looking at location-based tropical cyclone frequencies, tropical cyclone activity shifts eastward from the La Niña pattern to the El Niño pattern. In contrast to the below-average tropical cyclone activity across the USAPI region in the La Niña years of 2020, 2021, and 2022, we anticipate considerably more tropical cyclone activity across the region due to the recent transition to El Niño and the possibility of its strengthening to a strong El Niño event by fall," the advisory states.

However, tropical cyclone activity will still vary considerably due to the large extent of the Micronesia region.

"This is likely to result in considerably more regional activity than seen in the past three years. An eastward shift in the tropical cyclone genesis region is predicted to keep tropical cyclone activity near or below normal at the Republic of Palau, with more tropical cyclones passing to the north," said the advisory.

The NWS says that the outlook shared by NOAA is just a general guide and does not indicate how many actual systems will actually hit the Marianas.

"This outlook is a general guide to the predicted, overall tropical cyclone activity across the USAPI and does not indicate how many of these systems will actually make landfall. However, the outlook does provide a general idea of how many tropical storms and/or typhoons could affect a specific island or a group of islands across Micronesia, with peripheral effects such as strong damaging winds, torrential rainfall, and/or storm surge/inundation," NWS states.

However, even if this outlook is just a general guide, which could change in the next few months, NWS urges the communities of the United States-Affiliated Pacific Islands to remain prepared for possible cyclones all year-round.

"Although tropical cyclone activity peaks around September-November for many regional locations, tropical cyclones can occur throughout the year across the western North Pacific. Therefore, there is no clearly defined 'typhoon season.' Tropical cyclone activity can fluctuate greatly from year to year, though it only takes one to cause significant impacts. Therefore, we always urge residents, visitors and mariners to maintain preparedness for tropical cyclones year-round," said NWS.

The communities of the United States-Affiliated Pacific may visit the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense, the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and FEMA's ready.gov for more information on preparedness plans, tips and how to build emergency kits for use at home and at work.

CRISIS

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GAO said the $114.1 million total public debt, which was about 12% of the CNMI's Gross Domestic Product ($938.8 million), reflects the CNMI's inability to borrow from capital markets in recent years.

GAO noted that the CNMI's financial economy continues to decline, with limited prospects for recovery as its tourism industry struggles and its largest casino, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, being closed and unlikely to reopen soon.

With respect to Guam, as of Sept. 30, 2021, GAO found that Guam's outstanding public debt was almost $2.6 billion, or about 43% of GDP ($6.1 billion).

Guam's inflation-adjusted GDP declined by almost 2% annually from fiscal year 2016 to 2021. The drop reflected the decline in tourism due to COVID-19.

However, GAO said that Guam's economy is showing signs of recovery and that the recent opening of the third U.S. military base on the island is expected to stimulate its economic growth.

In its "U.S. Territories Public Debt Outlook: 2023 Update," GAO provides updates for the CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, on their respective public debts and composition, trends in revenue and expenses, and risk factors that may affect each territory's ability to repay public debt.

In this study, GAO analyzed audited financial statements for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021, as available; reviewed demographic and economic data for each territory; and interviewed credit rating agencies and officials from the territories' governments.

The Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act in 2016 contains a provision for GAO to review the public debt of the five territories every two years. This is the fourth report in this series.

With respect to the CNMI, GAO found that the Commonwealth has struggled to finance its pension plan and that government officials told GAO they are uncertain how the government will meet its financial obligations.

GAO said the CNMI's financial management and reporting has also worsened.

On economic and demographic trends, GAO said the CNMI's GDP of $938.8 million in fiscal year 2020 decreased by more than 2% annually from 2015 to 2020. It increased by less than 1% annually between 2010 and 2015, but has been declining since.

The 2018 Super Typhoon Yutu and COVID-19 pandemic were cited as contributing factors to the decline in economic activity.

Tourism, the main driver of the economy, has not returned to pre-disaster levels. In addition, the closure of the largest casino, Imperial Pacific Resort, on Saipan has dampened the expectations for economic recovery.

The CNMI reported a net pension liability of $470.4 million, about 50% of GDP, as of Sept. 30, 2020, and continues to struggle to fund its pension plan.

In fiscal year 2020, the CNMI obtained a $24.3-million loan from Bank of Guam to make required contributions that year. CNMI officials have expressed concern about the government's ability to continue to fund is pension and repay the loan.

Independent auditors determined that in fiscal year 2020, the CNMI did not properly follow pension accounting standards, which greatly reduces the reliability of this information.

In fiscal year 2020, the CNMI contributed $42 million to the fund and financed part of this contribution by a loan.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

SMA

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"At Star Marianas Air, our commitment has always been to provide excellent service while ensuring the sustainability of our operations. As part of this commitment, we periodically review our fares to reflect the current market conditions and operational costs," he said.

The new rates only affects the Saipan-Tinian-Saipan route and the Rota-Guam-Rota route. The fares for flights between Saipan and Rota will remain unchanged.

According to the SMA notice, there will be an increase of $9.50 in each direction of the Saipan-Tinian-Saipan route. The new fares for this route are as follows:

- CNMI resident fare: $55.
- Military fare: $60
- Regular full fare: $65

Additionally, the excess baggage fee will be set at $0.35 per pound.

Flights between Rota and Guam will increase $19.50 in each direction, resulting in a new fare of $140 each way.

"SMA encourages passengers to visit the company's website—https://www.starmarianasair.com/—for booking needs.

"Our website provides up-to-date information on flight availability, fares, and other essential details. Our dedicated team is also available to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have," Christian said. "We appreciate your understanding regarding these fare adjustments, and we remain committed to delivering reliable flight services to you." ***(Saipan Tribune)***

FESTIVAL

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Festival having more than 30 booths on the carnival grounds and over 40 participants set to join the upcoming July 4th parade tomorrow.

The carnival grounds will be open from Saturday, July 1, to Saturday, July 22. On Thursdays and Sundays the hours of operations are from 5pm to 10pm; on Fridays and Saturdays, it will be from 5pm to 12am. Operations will cease Mondays through Wednesdays with the exception of Tuesday, July 4, 2023, when the carnival grounds will be open from 10am to 12am.

Daily raffle prizes will be given out.

Liberation Day Committee chair Nadine Deleon Guerrero thanked all of their sponsors, donors, supporters and the Liberation Day Committee for making the event a possibility.

She said the two highlights of this year's event is the July 4th Liberation Day Parade, which begins at 10am this Tuesday, and the return of the Battle of the Bands with a twist. The twist is that the winner of the Battle of the Band competition will be picked based on an original song performance focused on this year's Liberation theme, which is Resiliency Rising.

Deleon Guerrero also cited the return of bingo to the carnival grounds starting July 4; it will be open from 1pm to 10pm.

As for the annual firework show, Deleon Guerrero said, "We hope to have fireworks that evening, but as times are very hard, you're 2023 LDC is working very hard to secure funding for that."

Other complications that arose included the arrival of a special guest, vendor support, and shipping issues due to the lingering after-effects effects of Typhoon Mawar.

During his first Liberation day mayor's address, Saipan Mayor Ramon "RB" Camacho thanked people who had come out to the event, and shared how this year's celebration is focused on the CNMI's resiliency throughout the years. "Tonight we begin the annual celebration to remind us of the courage and the strength of our people to weather and rise above, no matter how big our worry is…" Camacho said. "Together we can all rise, together we can all promote a safe community, together we can promote safe villages, together we can have a clean island. So it's a matter of working together, together we all rise."

In his opening remarks, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios said the CNMI has been seeing tremendous challenges and transformative changes in the past 77 years. "Liberation Day Is a celebration of 77 years worth of progress, and we look forward to continuing our story of resiliency by dedicating ourselves to the betterment of the lives of everyone who calls this place home," he noted."… Resiliency rising should be more than just a theme for this year's festivities. It should be a reminder of who we truly are as a people—a close knit community with our enduring spirit..."

The Kagman High School JROTC Battalion Color Guards posted and retired the colors that evening.

The three-week celebration will continue until July 22, 2023.

CHONG

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Palacios informed Chong that, with her nomination, she is immediately required to file a statement of financial interest with the public auditor.

The governor also appointed last Friday former governor Juan N. Babauta to serve as a member of the CHCC board, representing Saipan and Northern Islands. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

$20K grant to help JKPL work with kids with disabilities

JKPL

Team JKPL pose in the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library as an award recipient from the American Library Association Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities.

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library has been selected as one of 240 libraries to participate in an American Library Association initiative that help small libraries better serve people with disabilities.

The initiative is called Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities. This award comes with a $20,000 grant that will help JKPL purchase sensory and disability equipment and provide training for JKPL staff and families with special needs children.

"On behalf of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, we are incredibly honored to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said library director Erlinda C. Naputi. "This grant will allow the library to get to know our residents with disabilities better. It will help us improve our services to ensure this population feels welcome and comfortable in our space."

As part of the grant, JKPL staff will take an online course on how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a community conversation about disability programming for libraries and use the grant funds to help convert the Children of Our Homeland Center (the Children's Library) into a Discovery Wonderland filled with stationary activities, learning to-go packages, activated technology assistance devices, painting, etc.

"We plan to rent a claw machine to capture toys for the kids. Have a children's tech day with Nintendo Switch available. For one day every week, we plan to extend our library hours of operations from 5pm to 7pm to cater to children with autism. We will plan to host classes taught by certified SPED instructors, Yoga instructors, music making classes for children with autism, and so much more! We will host community conversations and distribute surveys to families to gather information how we can best serve their families. Some incentives can include sponsoring movie days at the local theatre specifically for family groups, or provide swimming sessions to teach families who have children with autism how to swim, or offer free first aid and CPR classes for families with autistic children," states a JKPL news release.

Libraries have a responsibility, based on the tenets of the Library Bill of Rights and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to welcome children with special needs and their families, and to provide them with the highest level of service. "In order to do this, we need to know more about what library programs would truly benefit these patrons and what they want out of their experience at the library. Our goal is increasing services for children with autism and other disabilities. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	**Civil Action No.: 23-0107**
RAYMOND DELEON GUERRERO BORJA, Deceased.	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY**
	Date: July 27, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE RAYMOND DELEON GUERRERO BORJA OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Nora Villagomez Borja** has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to Probate the Will and for Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Raymond Deleon Guerrero Borja, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is **Oliver M. Manglona**, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 7862 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and at the time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or her Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **OLIVER M. MANGLONA, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

Dated this 24th day of June, 2023.

/s/_____
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

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AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
  A. Call to Order
  B. Roll Call
  C. Adoption of Agenda*
  D. Adoption of Minutes
    1. May 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting
    2. June 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
    3. July 3, 2023 Special Board Meeting
  E. Correspondence
II. Management Reports
  A. Executive Director's Report
  B. Chief Financial Officer's Report
  C. Legal Counsel's Report
III. Old Business
  A. Amendments to CUC Board Bylaws
IV. New Business
  A. Executive Director Position
  B. Night Differential Premium Pay for Off-Island Utility Assistance Work
  C. Hazardous Premium Pay
V. Public Comments**
VI. Executive Session***
VII. Announcements
VIII. Adjournment

_____/s/_____
JANICE A. TENORIO, CHAIRWOMAN

*In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by a recorded vote of the majority members of the governing body.
**All interested persons are welcome to attend, and submit written and oral testimony on the above-agenda items. Public Comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes.
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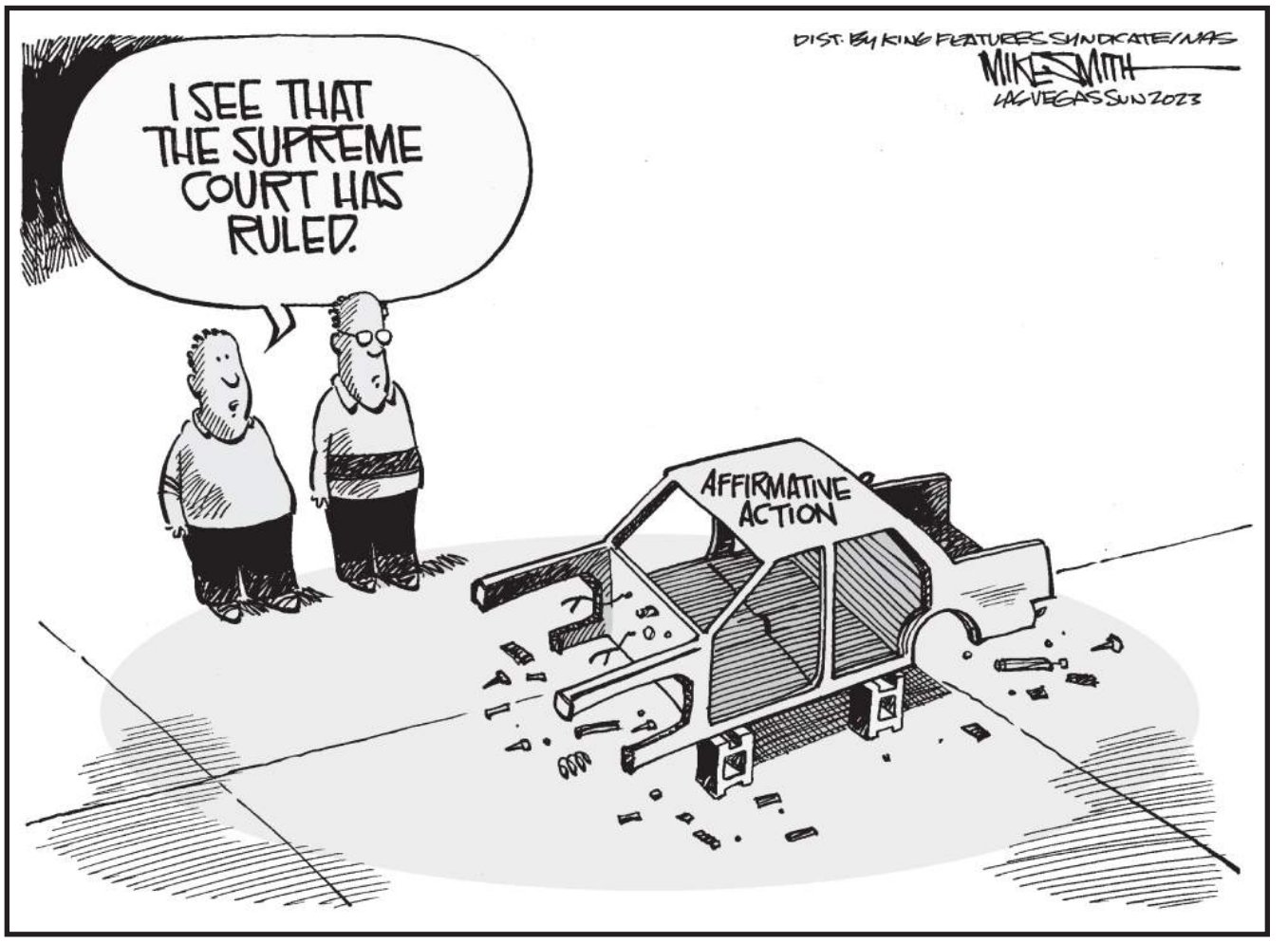
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EDITORIAL

The Founders knew the value of a free press in a democratic republic

In addition to being the revolutionaries who demanded independence from Great Britain and the visionaries who drafted the Constitution, many of America's Founding Fathers were journalists. Some owned and published newspapers, others wrote for them, but all understood the value of a free press to a fledgling democratic republic.

That's worth a bit of reflection over the Independence Day holiday. While the First Amendment protects the rights of journalists from government interference, hostility to the media—including threats, intimidation and acts of violence—runs counter to the nation's founding principles and if unchecked will make for a less-informed public and government run amok.

Five years ago this week, a man walked into the newsroom of The Capital in Annapolis, Maryland, and opened fire, killing five members of the newspaper staff and injuring two others. It remains the deadliest act of violence against American journalists.

The tragedy resonated locally. The Capital was owned by Tribune Publishing, which operated the Daily Press since 1986 and had purchased The Virginian-Pilot a month before the shooting. Several journalists at the papers had previously worked at The Capital and knew the victims well.

While the gunman acted alone and was responsible for his actions, the shooting came amid growing hostility toward the press, including from political leaders who opportunistically used the press as a foil. One cannot forget attendees at campaign rallies for Donald Trump threatening reporters, egged on by the candidate.

That continued during his time in the White House and has not ebbed with his departure. His acolytes are all too eager to attack the media, whether warranted or not, and embrace conspiracy theories and falsehoods rather than detailed, factual and straightforward reporting.

That's not to say the media should be spared criticism or that journalists don't make mistakes. We shouldn't, and we do. But by and large, the work being done by American reporters is honest in intention and fair in approach. When mistakes are made, they are promptly and prominently corrected.

That's especially true at the local level, far away from the chattering heads on national cable news every night. Community newspapers and smaller-scale media organizations work tirelessly to produce valuable, relevant and local journalism that informs the public, holds government to account and holds a mirror to the areas they serve.

What happens in the absence of these news outlets? "In communities without a credible source of local news, voter participation declines, corruption in both government and business increases, and local residents end up paying more in taxes and at checkout," Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications grimly writes in its 2022 "The State of Local News" report.

Yet, in spite of those consequences, the attacks on the press continue: laws that make it harder to obtain public records or attend public meetings, officials who feel entitled to conceal

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Tragedy of capsized migrants barely noticed amid loss of Titan and its billionaire passengers

By LAUREN SOWERS
The Baltimore Sun

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I know what it's like to wait for someone lost at sea.

When I was 20 years old, working at a music cafe in Charleston, South Carolina, I got the call that my mother's boat was lost in a massive storm during a sailing race to Bermuda. I was assured that the powers that be would do everything they could to locate her. I remember rehearsing the delivery, the tone and the inflection to tell my little brother in the least panicked way possible. My boss asked if I wanted to go home that day. I stayed.

We bore witness to two shipwrecks within days in June. First, a boat carrying as many as 750 refugee migrants capsized in the Mediterranean. Only 104 survived. Among the dead were an estimated 100 children. Second, an unregulated Titanic wreckage tourist submersible, The Titan, went missing carrying five wealthy passengers. The world couldn't look away while the search was on. It had imploded.

The shipwrecked migrants were not on board for the adventure. They had not signed extensive waivers. This wasn't some cowboy millionaire's deregulated pet project. It was a vessel carrying people disenfranchised by war, by climate change, by political destabilization. "No one puts their children in a boat," wrote the poet Warsan Shire, "unless the water is safer than the land."

While we fetishize the fancy underwater experience of billionaires, the migrant plight has a "Hollywood problem." It lacks the glamour to capture our attention for more than a 24-hour news cycle, if even that. Amer Ezra Zeed was among the migrants who perished in the Mediterranean seeking a livable future, while her husband, Kassem Abo Zeed, remained in Pakistan. The night that the boat went down in the dark Mediterranean, the world lost real love stories, far more meaningful than any Leo-and-Kate-in-Titanic moment.

After news of the Titan's disappearance broke, France dispatched a research vessel, The Atalante, across The Atlantic to aid in location and recovery. I searched but found no such news of the Atalante's efforts in the Mediterranean.

On further scrutiny, most of us were baffled by the reckless deregulation and the PlayStation controller at the helm of the Titan. We cringed, knowing that industry leaders had publicly decried the vessel's viability. We're incredulous that the ship had no underwater navigation, and was guided only by text messages from a surface vessel. We wince at the projected price tags of these risky rescue operations.

And yet, we care for the lives aboard, because two things can be true at the same time: We can feel compassion for those suffering a bitter end to a fun exploration, while also recognizing the agency and privilege that got them there. But what of those travelers whose only aim is survival?

The Titan tragedy left me with a thought I couldn't dislodge from my brain: If we proceed with brazen deregulation in public health, weaponry, artificial intelligence development and ecology, we are on a sinking ship of our own making. If we continue down the path of algorithmically engineered public discourse and news-as-entertainment, we can expect dark depths and no rescue in sight.

To be clear: This bigger picture doesn't diminish the sadness and the suffering of those aboard an entertainment vessel. But if our attention span is large enough for a billionaire's misadventures; if the Global North's resources are this quickly deployed across entire oceans; if our hearts are indeed this big — then where else do we owe such attention, resources and care?

Can we turn this ship around? Can we stop using the "inevitability" of suffering as an excuse for our lack of action? Can we recognize that much of the suffering we call "inevitable" is, in fact, a predictable result of how we've structured our world?

While I waited for my mom in that storm, I thought of how she was the only woman on board, and I wondered if her dark sense of humor was still intact. I knew that if she didn't make it, my brother and I would live with the idea that she died adventuring and that her choices were in pursuit of joy. We'd go forward, knowing that such a risk was worth something to her or else she'd have never set foot on that boat. In the end, her boat emerged from the storm.

As we honor the courage of wealthy thrill seekers with bold and pricey rescue efforts, I hope we can also bring ourselves to do at least as much for children escaping war zones and the inevitable catastrophes of climate change. We've been sold the idea that care and action require either/or thinking, but I think we know better.

Perhaps our hearts are big enough to hold it all, but our attention and political economies are just too small. Where do we grow from here?

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If we want climate-friendly food, we should support young farmers

By KATIE BRIMM
Progressive Perspectives

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While Beyonce's Renaissance Tour may be capturing our collective attention at the moment, there's an admittedly less compelling event on stage in 2023: the Farm Bill. By some accounts a dusty relic of the New Deal Era, the Farm Bill contains billions of dollars for anti-hunger and agricultural programs. And it may be one of our best tools for addressing the climate crises. Advocates are pushing for it to include climate action, building momentum on billions of dollars set to be funneled by the USDA to support farmers to adopt climate-friendly practices.

The interest in agriculture as a source for climate mitigation is a welcome, overdue and critical shift. But if funding only goes to prop up our dominant industrial farming model, we'll perpetuate the very system that's driving climate change. What we need is a radical food system transformation towards an agriculture that feeds people while cooling the planet. For this transition to be truly successful, we need to listen to the demands of young farmers.

Young farmers are stepping up to the plate to grow nutritious food using sustainable methods. They're increasingly diverse and majority women, which more accurately represents our country than the outgoing crop of retiring farmers. Combined, these factors make them more likely to be alarmed by climate change and demand action than previous generations.

Young farmers should be our beacon of hope to avoid another Dust Bowl, capture carbon and feed our population. But there's a huge caveat: We have set them up to fail.

In a recent survey by the National Young Farmers Coalition, their list of urgent challenges reveals startling barriers to success: access to land, access to capital, health care costs, access to affordable housing, the high cost of production, student loan debt, climate change, immigration issues and access to federal programs. Many young farmers, a majority of whom are women and increasingly non-white, are also disproportionately impacted by climate change. This suite of vulnerabilities shows just how fragile the farming system is.

As it stands, not having farmland is the number one barrier to entry and the top reason young farmers leave the field. And to be sure, the low numbers of current young farmers make it hard to take them seriously as a groundswell.

But we have an opportunity for change. It's estimated that nearly half of U.S. farmland will transfer ownership in the next couple decades as a generation of farm owners age out of the profession. Rather than selling off our farmland to private investors, why not transition these lands to young, diverse farmers equipped with the ecological skills to do climate-resilient farming?

Answering that question is the One Million Acres for the Future Campaign, which calls on Congress to "make a historic investment in the 2023 Farm Bill to facilitate equitable access to one million acres of land for the next generation of farmers."

Without long-term access to good farmland, we can't reasonably expect a young farmer to be successful. Affordable housing is also critical. Young farmers, and farmworkers, need to live near or on their farms, decreasing their commutes and offering them security in a fixed place. Farmers are increasingly on the frontlines of climate change, including breathing toxic smoke from wildfires. These compounding factors make the reality of making a life, and thus, stewarding a piece of climate resilient land long-term, increasingly impossible.

Congress needs to act on the One Million Acre Campaign and the policy recommendations in the Young Farmer Agenda for the 2023 Farm Bill, as well as land back movements for farmers of color. Anyone can support local young farmers through farmers markets and CSA's, but why not also advocate for urban planning within your communities to include access to land and housing for farmers?

We can increase our chances of producing food in a way that cools the planet by bolstering the lives of the people dedicating themselves to this essential work. Young farmers, if given the support system they need to thrive, could lead us towards a just and climate-resilient food system. The alternative is to sustain the unsustainable.

Why is it that a journalist has higher ethical standards than a Supreme Court justice?

By ROBIN ABCARIAN
Los Angeles Times

Why do some United States Supreme Court justices have such a hard time saying no?

Believe me, I understand the temptation. Columnists may not be judges in the traditional sense, but we are judges in the court of public opinion. Occasionally, I've been offered gifts in exchange for a positive ruling (well, a positive column) on a controversial issue that may come before me.

Attractive as these offers may be, they are just not that difficult to refuse. Especially when the institution's credibility—or your job—is on the line.

The people judges and journalists serve expect and deserve transparency, fairness and independence. They do not want either group to be bought off, or materially rewarded for the opinions they deliver. If the public stops believing the courts or the news media are acting on principle, the institutions lose credibility. Even the whiff of a conflict of interest or a quid pro quo diminishes them. Accepting costly freebies on the sly from interested parties, then pretending it's no one's business, is one of the fastest ways to corrode faith in our democratic infrastructure, our free press, our supposedly fair and impartial Supreme Court.

It's astonishing that newspapers like The Times are stricter about ethics than the Supreme Court, which is required to report some financial dealings each year but otherwise has no compulsory code of ethics at all.

No one has ever offered me a free flight on a private jet to a rustic lodge in Alaska, as in the case of Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., or a free seat on a private jet to a super yacht in Indonesia, as in the case of Justice Clarence Thomas. But I've been offered lots of nice things in my career.

When I was a cub reporter in Ventura County, the owner of an oceanfront vacation home in Oxnard Shores offered me the use of his house. The catch? I was working on a story about a proposed moratorium on beachfront residential construction, which he opposed. If he liked the story, he told me, I was welcome to a weekend at the beach. The invitation was rescinded upon publication.

Even when a source doesn't want anything, when they simply appreciate something you have written, they may try to thank you with a lavish gift. That creates the appearance of impropriety. I have, over the years, sent back a Seiko watch, a gold bracelet, a Blackberry (remember those?) and designer clothing.

I once wrote about the late Ray Evans, the lyricist half of the supremely talented songwriting duo Livingston and Evans. I thought a story about the origins of the great Christmas song "Silver Bells" would be a good read during the holidays, so I arranged to meet Evans for an interview over lunch and when I dropped him off at his Benedict Canyon home, he invited me in.

Evans, who was an 89-year-old widower with a naughty streak, invited me downstairs to his bedroom to show me his royalty books. "You're sure your husband won't mind?" he joked, as he took a seat on his motorized staircase chair for the descent. In a notebook on his desk, he kept track of the astonishing amount of money he'd earned from that one classic song, more than half a million dollars a year.

The story ran on Dec. 25, 2004. That morning, my home phone rang. It was Evans, delighted by the piece. "I couldn't have paid a publicist to get such a great story in the paper," he exclaimed. "I want you to go to Tiffany's and pick out anything you want." I wish.

Just this week, I was offered a stay at a lovely little seaside hotel in Laguna Beach in exchange for coverage of the place. That is a newspaper no-no. Would the story be colored by the fact that my stay would not have cost a cent? How could it not be? And why should anyone even have to wonder about that?

Which brings me back to the Supreme Court, which is not bound by the code of conduct that applies to all other federal judges.

If we are ever to regain our trust in the Supreme Court, Congress must adopt a specific and binding code of ethics for the justices, ones that impose well-defined dollar limits on gifts and "personal hospitality," the dodge that has allowed Thomas, in particular, to feed at the freebie trough.

"The highest court in the land should not have the lowest ethical standards," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) said as he announced that his committee would take up legislation tightening ethics rules for the Supreme Court later this summer.

It's not just conservative justices who have failed to declare their conflicts. According to reports, Justice Sonia Sotomayor did not recuse herself in at least three cases involving Penguin Random House, which has paid her millions of dollars for her memoir and children's books.

The idea that the justices can be trusted to police themselves, as all nine declared recently in a joint statement on ethics, is laughable. No one can do that. Human beings are endlessly creative in absolving themselves of conflicts. Alito, for instance, claimed it was OK for him to take a free private jet ride to Alaska because the seat would have been vacant anyway.

In any case, Supreme Court justices shouldn't have to be responsible for deciding which freebies to accept, or which cases to bow out of.

Let's remove that terrible burden from their black-robed shoulders. Like journalists, they need some hard and fast rules to live by.

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information from reporters and the public, law enforcement and courts which arrest and try journalists, here in America, for doing their jobs.

The founders, journalists themselves, knew that communities with newspapers thrived and prospered from being more informed. They recognized the value of journalism and the power of media to persuade the public. The Federalist Papers, arguing for ratification of the Constitution, are but one example and arguably the most important editorials published in American newspapers.

What would they think of politicians who baselessly attack the press in a cynical attempt to win a few more votes? What would they think of Americans who threaten and belittle journalists? Would they recognize a nation where the critical link between the public and its elected officials continues to weaken and where, in some communities, there is no coverage of civic affairs?

It's no stretch to believe they would be deeply concerned, if not outraged. And we can hope they would implore their peers in elected office and their fellow citizens to cease dangerous behavior that imperils journalists serving a critical role in our democracy.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
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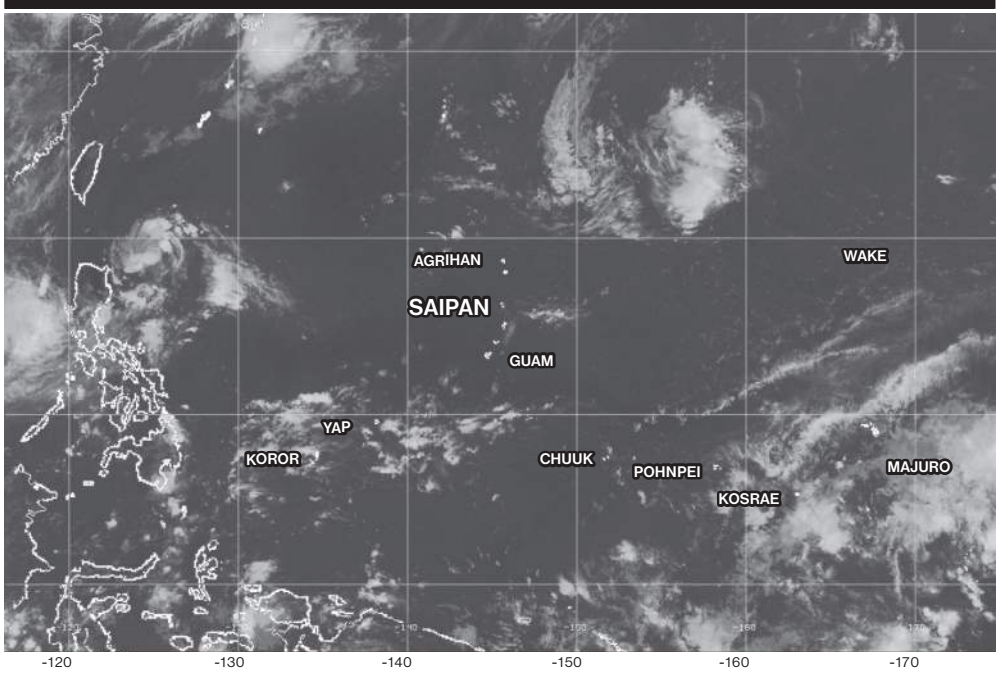

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Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters this morning. The Ipan buoy reveals combined seas of 4 to 5 feet, composed mainly of trade-wind swell from an east-southeast direction.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	89° / 82°
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

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Today	-	5:05 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	-	6:12 AM	7:52 PM
Wednesday	-	7:21 AM	8:49 PM
Thursday	-	8:27 AM	9:40 PM
Friday	-	9:30 AM	10:26 PM

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Auckland	Thunderstorms/Wind	56° / 49°
Beijing	Sunny	105° / 74°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	85° / 74°
London	Mostly Cloudy	71° / 61°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	78° / 60°
Manila	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Melbourne	Cloudy	57° / 50°
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
New York	Mostly Sunny	84° / 68°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	77° / 62°
Busan	Rain	75° / 70°
Rome	Thunderstorms	87° / 69°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	97° / 73°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	66° / 53°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	82° / 70°
Tokyo	Cloudy	86° / 78°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	88° / 68°

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5:59 AM	Low Tide	2.15
1:36 PM	High Tide	-0.43
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UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	7:10PM	7:55PM	1, 4

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:25AM	9:55AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily
UA193	6:55PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	7:15PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/703	4:20AM	10:35PM	1, 4, 5, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3467	3:00AM	7:10AM	Daily up to July 20
TW308	3:15AM	7:00AM	Daily
OZ626	4:20AM	7:55AM	Daily
7C3403	4:45AM	8:35AM	Daily
TW9308	4:45AM	8:45AM	1, 5 July 17 to Aug 18
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily
UA112	5:15PM	6:05PM	1, 4

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	1:50AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA189	10:25PM	6:10AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily
UA192	11:50PM	5:35AM+1	2, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174 via Guam	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	2, 5 via Guam

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7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily
7C3468	8:20PM	1:50AM+1	Daily up to July 19
TW307	8:30PM	2:15AM+1	Daily
OZ625	9:25PM	2:55AM+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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7C3405	10:10PM	3:40AM+1	Daily

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1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

HANMI applauds chef competitors at 'Taste'

HANMI

Damian Palacios, first place winner in the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands/NMTech Chamorro *Bisteak* Cookoff on June 24, 2023, displays a photo of his late grandmother and a lucky Irish rock from her that he carried in his pocket on his way to winning his first chefs competition.

HANMI

First place winner Damian Palacios, second right, and other competitors and judges of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands/NMTech Chamorro *Bisteak* Cookoff on June 24, 2023, take a commemorative photo.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands applauds local chefs who competed in the HANMI/NMTech Chamorro *Bisteak* Cookoff last June 24 on the final night of the 24th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden at Garapan Fishing Base.

Chefs faced off in a one-hour cookoff to prepare the best *bisteak*, a local favorite traditionally characterized by tender beef and tantalizing gravy. Chefs also had to incorporate two mystery items unveiled as the competition began, kangkong and biscuits.

The contest was also sponsored by Triple J SuperFresh and Truckload Store J, distributor of Certified Angus Beef. Current and former student chefs of the NMTech Culinary program joined the competition, with Damian Palacios winning first place and $750 cash from HANMI.

Triple J GM and HANMI board member Jay Santos was one of the judges at the event.

"Congratulations to all the participants as this was a difficult competition to judge because all of the dishes were so good," said Santos. "After several years' hiatus, it's appropriate for HANMI to come back with another chef competition to support and encourage the talented members of our vital [food and beverage] workforce in the tourism industry. It was great to partner with Northern Marianas Technical Institute and the Marianas Visitors Authority on this event."

Other judges were popular "mukbang" mega-eater and YouTuber Fume of Korea and HANMI legal counsel Marcia Schultz.

Rounding out the winners were Jonathan Borja winning $500 for second place, and Christian Manzanares winning $250 for third place.

The Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden is an annual signature event of the MVA. HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Marianas. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. ***(HANMI)***

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Jonathan Borja, second place winner in the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands/NMTech Chamorro *Bisteak* Cookoff on June 24, 2023, puts the finishing touches on his dish, served with risotto.

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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit bid proposals and their qualifications for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUTER ACCESS ROAD PAVING, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-007-18 (AIP PENDING),** for the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Commuter Access Road Paving Project", Project No. CPA-SA-007-18 (AIP PENDING)*** and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. (CHST), FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Commuter Access Road Paving all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the (FAA) Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Contract Documents including plans, specifications, and the bid schedule, can be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, beginning **1:00 p.m., Monday, June 5, 2023,** upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY U.S. DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plans and documents. The payment is nonrefundable unless bids are canceled. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bidders should notify CPA's point of contact mentioned below immediately if there are issues retrieving the files on the DVD and are to verify all information using the specification table of contents and the index of drawings.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 A.M. (CHST), MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023,** at the Saipan Airport Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Attendance is not mandatory. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference.

Questions should be submitted in writing to the CPA Executive Director's Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening date; with the exception of extension requests which have no deadline. Responses to all questions and requests for information will be provided to all bidders who purchased a DVD and attended the pre-bid conference.

Bidders shall use the bid schedule form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority on the DVD. Each bidder should supply all supplemental information required in the specifications.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages in the amount of **FIVE HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS ($500.00)** per calendar days shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or mis-enter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-28 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 22, 2023

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 04-2023

Opening date: July 03, 2023 **Closing date: July 21, 2023**

Location:	**SAIPAN**	**SALARY**
Position(s):	(1) ARFF Mechanic II	PL 6/1 to 6/12 ($9.27/hr to $15.85/hr)
	(1) Grants Specialist	PL 15/1 to 15/12 ($14.38/hr to $24.60/hr)
	(1) Master Electrician	PL 19/1 to 19/12 ($17.48/hr to $29.90/hr)
	(1) Procurement Clerk	PL 2/1 to 2/12 ($7.63/hr to $13.04/hr)
Location:	**TINIAN**	**SALARY**
Position(s):	(2) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee	PL 5/1 to 5/12 ($8.83/hr)
Location:	**ROTA**	**SALARY**
Position(s):	(1) Custodial/Maintenance-I	PL 2/1 to 2/12 ($7.63/hr to $13.04/hr)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the **CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office, Tinian International Airport, or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport.** Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10-year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the Tinian International Airport or Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is no later than **5:00 P.M. on Friday, July 21, 2023.**

Detailed information on qualifications and position descriptions for the above positions may be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except on holidays, at the CPA Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or CPA Admin, Office at the Tinian International Airport or at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at lorna.robert@cnmiports.com and hrspecialist@cnmiports.com or by phone at (670)237-6500.

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CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Bank of Hawai'i

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Federal Pell Grant access broadened for prisoners

The U.S. Department of Education launched Friday a new process through which institutions of higher education can apply to offer postsecondary programs to confined or incarcerated individuals.

For the first time in nearly 30 years, as a result of statutory changes enacted through the FAFSA Simplification Act, individuals enrolled in approved prison education programs will be eligible for Federal Pell Grants outside a limited pilot program known as the Second Chance Pell Experiment. The department will begin accepting applications today, July 3, 2023, and will approve applications on a rolling basis.

While the Second Chance Pell Experiment was a limited program, it has expanded opportunity for incarcerated individuals. According to the Vera Institute, more than 40,000 students received Pell Grants under the experiment through the 2021-22 award year. Based on current participation rates in Second Chance Pell Experiment, the department estimates that full reinstatement of Pell could allow an estimated 760,000 additional individuals to become eligible for a Pell Grant through prison education programs once institutions have fully developed their prison programs.

"I call on colleges and postsecondary programs across our country to meet this moment and step up to serve people who've been impacted by the criminal justice system, who for the first time in three decades will be eligible for Pell Grants to help pay for education," said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. "Prison education programs reduce recidivism rates and create meaningful opportunities for redemption and rehabilitation that improve lives, strengthen communities, and reflect America's ideal as a nation of second chances and limitless possibilities. This historic moment marks the start of a nationwide effort that could help over 760,000 individuals who are currently incarcerated pursue degrees, credentials, and skills that set them up for success and lead to brighter futures."

Improvements to Prison Education Programs

Last fall, the USDOE finalized regulatory requirements for PEPs that build on the efforts of institutions and correctional facilities that have been working together to increase the number of individuals who are confined or incarcerated with access to a quality postsecondary education. Starting July 1, 2023, eligible institutions (i.e., public and private non-profit institutions) must adhere to the standards for implementing effective PEPs established under the department's final regulations, which:

Establish the definition of a PEP as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA),

Outline application requirements for approval of PEPs, and

Clarify the requirements and obligations of institutions, accrediting agencies, and oversight entities.

Prison Education Program application process

Starting today, July 3, 2023, institutions can apply to offer a PEP through the Federal Student Aid E-App. To be considered, institutions must include their completed PEP Application Form in the E-App submission. Instructions and other information—including specific certifications and signatures that institutions provide for the Department to evaluate a PEP—are posted in an Electronic Announcement on the Federal Student Aid Partner Connect Portal. Institutions can access the PEP Application Form on the Prison Education Program topics page on the Knowledge Center.

Nearly 200 postsecondary institutions currently participate in the Second Chance Pell Experiment. Under this experiment, institutions provide Federal Pell Grant funding to thousands of students who are confined or incarcerated and previously could not access federal need-based financial aid so that they can access, afford, and engage in higher education. Earlier this month, the department approved more than 160 of those institutions to transition into a revised version of the experiment that allows institutions to continue serving their students who are confined or incarcerated after July 1, 2023. Institutions in the revised experiment will have up to three years to seek Department approval of the PEPs they wish to offer under the Department's new regulations.

Benefits of PEPs

The changes announced Friday are part of the USDOE's ongoing efforts to champion access to federal student aid and higher education for underserved populations. Prison education programs transform the culture, climate, and safety of correctional facilities, and can provide purpose and dignity for people with long-term and life sentences, who then are the culture-bearers for those with shorter sentences. ***(PR)***

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

Business

Hyatt celebrates Fourth of July at Skipper's Beach Bar

Spend July 4th at Hyatt Regency Saipan's beach and enjoy a selection of all-time favorite American delights at Skipper's Beach Bar.

In celebration, an all-American menu was put together highlighting Independence Day icons such as cheeseburger, hotdogs, chili dogs, potato salads, pulled pork sandwiches that all come with chips.

According to Food & Beverage director Hani Min, these popular items have become a part of the storytelling about American culture.

"Even here on the island, we want something unpretentious, friction free, yet authentic with a consistent flavor. That is why Skipper's Beach Bar will be the perfect venue to reunite with families and friends—not only on July 4th," she said.

Another popular and most convenient guest preference is the beer bucket promotion.

"We will serve an ice bucket of five cans of American-brewed beer for only $15. The American holiday snacks combined with beer remain a favorite by many guests, especially on July 4th," she added

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Hyatt Regency Saipan will be offering an all-American menu at Skipper's Beach Bar this 4th of July.

Skipper's Beach Bar, located on Hyatt Regency's Micro Beach, will open from 1pm to 8:30pm.

Club At The Hyatt members who redeem their swimming pool vouchers on July 4th can equally take advantage of the F&B promotion at Skipper's Beach Bar.

For more information, go to saipan.regency.hyatt.com and press "News +Events" tab or call (670) 234-1234. ***(PR)***

Flight disruptions ease despite worries about 5G signals

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Airline passengers who have endured tens of thousands of weather-related flight delays this week got a welcome respite from the headaches Saturday, despite concerns about possible disruptions caused by new wireless 5G systems rolling out near major airports.

The number of flight delays and cancellations declined from the spikes recorded earlier in the week, according to data compiled by tracking service FlightAware. As of 10 p.m. EST, there had been at least 850 flight cancellations and more than 28,000 delayed flights Saturday. During the June 28-30 period, an average of 1,751 flights were canceled and more then 32,600 flights delayed, according to the FlightAware data.

The cancellation rate worked out to about 1% in the U.S. as of Saturday afternoon, according to Flightradar24, another tracking service. Flightradar24 spokesperson Ian Petchenik described Saturday's conditions as "smooth sailing" in an email to The Associated Press, while adding inclement weather could cause problems at East Coast airports later in the day.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration also advised travelers that bad weather conditions on the East Coast could affect flights later Saturday.

Heading into Saturday, one of the biggest concerns had been whether 5G signals would interfere with aircraft equipment, especially devices using radio waves to measure distance above the ground that are critical when planes land in low visibility.

Predictions that interference would cause massive flight groundings failed to come true last year, when telecom companies began rolling out the new service. They then agreed to limit the power of the signals around busy airports, giving airlines an extra year to upgrade their planes.

The leader of the nation's largest pilots' union said crews will be able to handle the impact of 5G, but he criticized the way the wireless licenses were granted, saying it had added unnecessary risk to aviation.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg recently told airlines that flights could be disrupted because a small portion of the nation's fleet has not been upgraded to protect against radio interference.

BOH Hagatna, Harmon branches resume normal operating hours

GUAM—Bank of Hawaii resumed normal operating hours for its Hagatna and Harmon Branches starting last Saturday, July 1. The operating hours of both branches are 9am-4pm on weekdays, 9am-1pm on Saturday, and closed on Sunday.

The power outages following Super Typhoon Mawar previously resulted in diminished air conditioning mainly at its Hagatna Branch; however, the issue has been resolved.

For a current list of ATMs that are operating on Guam and Saipan, please visit the Bank of Hawaii website at: https://www.boh.com/mawar.

Call center operations remain open to assist customers. West Pacific region customers may continue to contact Bank of Hawaii through its Call Center at 1-877-553-2424 for Guam and Saipan. Bank of Hawaii 's Call Center on Guam will be automatically re-routed to Hawaii.

Online and mobile banking services will continue to operate unless power interruptions are experienced. Bank of Hawaii will also place public updates on all of its social media platforms (Facebook: www.facebook.com/bankofhawaii, Instagram: www.instagram.com/bankofhawaii and Twitter: www.twitter.com/bankofhawaii), as well as its website: www.boh.com. ***(PR)***

Nation

SC rejects plan to wipe away $400B in student loan debt

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sharply divided Supreme Court on Friday effectively killed President Joe Biden's $400 billion plan to cancel or reduce federal student loan debts for millions of Americans. But he declared, "This fight is not over."

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The president said he would work toward a new path for student debt relief, using the Higher Education Act, which he called "the best path that remains to provide as many borrowers as possible with debt relief." He also moved to create an "on ramp" that would help ease the risk of default for students who fail to make payments when the current pause ends.

The president said he would work under the authority of the Higher Education Act to begin a new program designed to ease borrowers' threat of default if they fall behind over the next year.

The Supreme Court ruling was blunt in rejecting Biden's first plan.

"Six States sued, arguing that the HEROES Act does not authorize the loan cancellation plan. We agree," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the court.

Justice Elena Kagan, wrote in a dissent, joined by the court's two other liberals, that the majority of the court "overrides the combined judgment of the Legislative and Executive Branches, with the consequence of eliminating loan forgiveness for 43 million Americans." Kagan read a summary of her dissent in court to emphasize her disagreement.

Roberts, perhaps anticipating negative public reaction and aware of declining approval of the court, added an unusual coda to his opinion, cautioning that the liberals' dissent should not be mistaken for disparagement of the court itself. "It is important that the public not be misled either. Any such misperception would be harmful to this institution and our country," the chief justice wrote.

Biden blame Republican officials for causing the dispute that led to Friday's ruling.

They "had no problem with billions in pandemic-related loans to businesses. ... And those loans were forgiven," Biden said. "But when it came to providing relief to millions of hard-working Americans, they did everything in their power to stop it."

An anti-Trump video shared by DeSantis campaign 'homophobic'

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The president said he would work toward a new path for student debt relief, using the Higher Education Act, which he called "the best path that remains to provide as many borrowers as possible with debt relief." He also moved to create an "on ramp" that would help ease the risk of default for students who fail to make payments when the current pause ends.

The president said he would work under the authority of the Higher Education Act to begin a new program designed to ease borrowers' threat of default if they fall behind over the next year.

The Supreme Court ruling was blunt in rejecting Biden's first plan.

"Six States sued, arguing that the HEROES Act does not authorize the loan cancellation plan. We agree," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the court.

Justice Elena Kagan, wrote in a dissent, joined by the court's two other liberals, that the majority of the court "overrides the combined judgment of the Legislative and Executive Branches, with the consequence of eliminating loan forgiveness for 43 million Americans." Kagan read a summary of her dissent in court to emphasize her disagreement.

Roberts, perhaps anticipating negative public reaction and aware of declining approval of the court, added an unusual coda to his opinion, cautioning that the liberals' dissent should not be mistaken for disparagement of the court itself. "It is important that the public not be misled either. Any such misperception would be harmful to this institution and our country," the chief justice wrote.

Biden blame Republican officials for causing the dispute that led to Friday's ruling.

They "had no problem with billions in pandemic-related loans to businesses. ... And those loans were forgiven," Biden said. "But when it came to providing relief to millions of hard-working Americans, they did everything in their power to stop it."

Loan repayments will resume in October, although interest will begin accruing in September, the Education Department has announced. Payments have been on hold since the start of the coronavirus pandemic more than three years ago.

Health & Wellness

Mayo Clinic Minute: Fireworks safety tips

By JASON HOWLAND
Mayo Clinic News Network

For many, the Fourth of July holiday is a time to celebrate with barbecues, parades and fireworks. But, experts say, when it comes to fireworks, it's best to leave it to the professionals.

Every year, thousands of people are admitted into emergency departments across the country because of injuries caused by fireworks.

"We'll see injuries to fingers or the whole hand. Another common injury is burns. And sometimes we'll see eye injuries because of the sparks that fly into the eye," says Dr. Neha Raukar, a Mayo Clinic emergency medicine physician.

If consumer fireworks are legal where you live, here are a few tips from the National Safety Council:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Always have adult supervision.
- Wear protective eyewear.
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands.
- Don't point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Only light one firework at a time.
- Watch them from a safe distance.

"If you're going to have some fireworks, don't be drinking at the same time. Have the person who is not drinking be the one to light the fireworks. Stay away from them once you light them, and just be aware of your surroundings," says Dr. Raukar. "I don't want to meet you here in the emergency department."

DREAMSTIME
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Keeping children's teeth healthy

DEAR MAYO CLINIC: My 7-month-old daughter recently got her first tooth. She likes to chew on her teething ring. I want to start good dental habits early and create a routine of brushing her teeth twice a day. When should I introduce a toothbrush so she can get comfortable with it? Do you have any other tips for establishing good oral hygiene early?

ANSWER: Dental infections are one of the most common infections in children. Even though dentistry has come a long way with the latest dental advancements, you still have to play an active role in your own dental care—and your children's.

Children who have decay in their baby teeth are more likely to have decay in their adult teeth. Oral health is whole-person health, and untreated dental disease has been linked to stroke, heart disease and diabetes in adulthood.

Dental caries—otherwise known as tooth decay or cavities—affect many children and adults. Dental caries are an infectious disease caused by bacteria transferred from your mouth, or another caregiver's mouth, to your children's mouth. This disease is nearly entirely preventable through good dental habits and routine checkups with a dentist.

Starting at 6 months, formula should be mixed with fluoride water to make bottles. Nighttime eating increases the risk of tooth decay due to lactose, which is milk sugar. In general, the more carbohydrates a child consumes, the greater chance for cavities.

Every child should have an oral health exam by age 1, or when the first tooth emerges. Regular dental visits should follow every three to six months. Dental care is different for each family, and it could include a pediatric dentist or family dentist; women, infants and children clinics; and even your health care professional's office.

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Fluoride varnish should be applied to your children's teeth every three to six months, and often can be applied at their well-child visit by the health care team. This topical fluoride can prevent and even reverse early cavities. Fluoride is a mineral naturally found in water and some food. It strengthens the tooth enamel, the hard outer coating on teeth.

You can establish healthy habits with your child when they are young. By 6 months, children should have fluoride in their water, and children of brushing age should use soft brushes and fluoridated toothpaste. If you don't have access to fluoridated water, your children's health care team can recommend a source of fluoride, including nursery water or fluoride drops or tablets.

Children need supervision with brushing at least halfway through grade school. Parents should always supervise. You can stop supervision when you think your child is doing as good of a job as you would. Brushing two times a day is usually enough, and children should begin flossing as soon as their dentist recommends it.

Frequent snacking increases your children's risk for cavities. The saliva in their mouth is important to prevent cavities. If the mouth frequently has food or sugary liquid, the saliva cannot protect the teeth from decay.

Avoid soda pop, juice and frequent snacking. Not only do they increase the risk of obesity, but the combination of sugar and acid breaks down teeth. The same goes for juice. Juice is just a form of soda pop without carbonation. Instead, choose water to drink between meals and select one or two times daily to have a snack. Also, include food and drinks rich in calcium and vitamin D to help build strong bones and teeth.

You can help your children create a lifetime of healthy dental habits, including cleaning their teeth, regularly visiting a dentist and eating healthy foods.

Dr. Erin Westfall, Family Medicine, Mayo Clinic Health System, Mankato, Minnesota ***(Mayo Clinic News Network)***

How to use an asthma inhaler

By ALEX OSIADACZ
Mayo Clinic News Network

Summer temperatures, humidity and allergies are triggers for people diagnosed with asthma. These triggers can range from being a nuisance to being life-threatening.

Dr. Jacqueline Squire, a Mayo Clinic allergist and immunologist, demonstrates proper technique for using inhalers to combat these asthma triggers.

When asthma symptoms flare, an inhaler is the first line of treatment. Different types of inhalers serve different purposes, and knowing how to use each type is key to breathing easier.

"There are short-acting inhalers, which is like our rescue inhalers," says Dr. Squire. "For more persistent asthma, we're going to recommend a daily inhaler."

Rescue inhalers, also called metered-dose inhalers, are pressurized to deliver medication fast. To get the most medicine in your lungs, Dr. Squire recommends using a spacer — a holding chamber between the inhaler and mouth.

"Place the spacer into your mouth and take a deep breath in," says Dr. Squire. "Hold your breath to at least the count of five. Ten is even better. Then slowly exhale. Repeat as needed."

Dr. Squire says the process differs slightly for dry-powder inhalers, which should not be used with a spacer.

"Place your hands on the side you want to avoid covering the opening on the top," says Dr. Squire. "With a dry-powder inhaler, you're going to take a little bit faster and deeper breath, compared to a metered-dose inhaler. Again, hold your breath to at least the count of five. Then slowly exhale."

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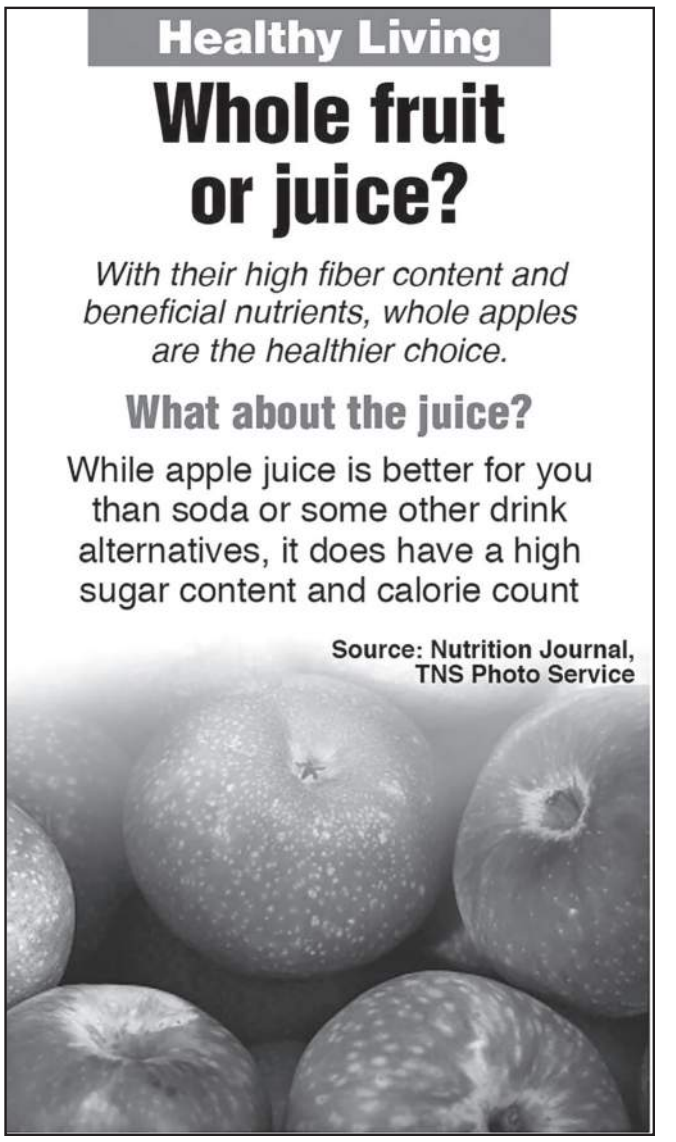
Dr. Squire recommends that if you have any questions or concerns to ask your physician or other health care professional to review your inhaler technique.


Healthy Living
Whole fruit or juice?
With their high fiber content and beneficial nutrients, whole apples are the healthier choice.
What about the juice?
While apple juice is better for you than soda or some other drink alternatives, it does have a high sugar content and calorie count
Source: Nutrition Journal, TNS Photo Service

Life & Style

Alan Arkin, Oscar-winning 'Little Miss Sunshine' actor, dies at 89

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alan Arkin, the wry character actor who demonstrated his versatility in everything from farcical comedy to chilling drama as he received four Academy Award nominations and won an Oscar in 2007 for "Little Miss Sunshine," has died. He was 89.

His sons Adam, Matthew and Anthony confirmed their father's death through the actor's publicist on Friday. "Our father was a uniquely talented force of nature, both as an artist and a man," they said in a statement.

Hollywood was in mourning, with Paul Reiser, Michael Rapaport and Patton Oswalt among those praising Arkin. "Such a wonderful, original voice for comedy. And on the few occasions I was in his presence, a kind and generous soul. I learned so much from watching him. And the laughs I got from his glorious work seem endless," tweeted Jason Alexander.

A member of Chicago's famed Second City comedy troupe, Arkin was an immediate success in movies with the Cold War spoof "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming" and peaked late in life with his win as best supporting actor for the surprise 2006 hit "Little Miss Sunshine." More than 40 years separated his first Oscar nomination, for "The Russians are Coming," from his nomination for playing a conniving Hollywood producer in the Oscar-winning "Argo."

In recent years he starred opposite Michael Douglas in the Netflix comedy series "The Kominsky Method," a role that earned him two Emmy nominations.

"When I was a young actor people wanted to know if I wanted to be a serious actor or a funny one," Michael McKean tweeted Friday. 'I'd answer 'Which kind is Alan Arkin?' and that shut them up."

Arkin once joked to The Associated Press that the beauty of being a character actor was not having to take his clothes off for a role. He wasn't a sex symbol or superstar, but was rarely out of work, appearing in more than 100 TV and feature films. His trademarks were likability, relatability and complete immersion in his roles, no matter how unusual, whether playing a Russian submarine officer in "The Russians are Coming" who struggles to communicate with the equally jittery Americans, or standing out as the foulmouthed, drug-addicted grandfather in "Little Miss Sunshine."

"Alan's never had an identifiable screen personality because he just disappears into his characters," director Norman Jewison of "The Russians are Coming" once observed. "His accents are impeccable, and he's even able to change his looks. ... He's always been underestimated, partly because he's never been in service of his own success."

While still with Second City, Arkin was chosen by Carl Reiner to play the young protagonist in the 1963 Broadway play "Enter Laughing," based on Reiner's semi-autobiographical novel.

He attracted strong reviews and the notice of Jewison, who was preparing to direct a 1966 comedy about a Russian sub that creates a panic when it ventures too close to a small New England town. In Arkin's next major film, he proved he could also play a villain, however reluctantly. Arkin starred in "Wait Until Dark" as a vicious drug dealer who holds a blind woman (Audrey Hepburn) captive in her own apartment, believing a drug shipment is hidden there.

Arkin

He recalled in a 1998 interview how difficult it was to terrorize Hepburn's character.

"Just awful," he said. "She was an exquisite lady, so being mean to her was hard."

Arkin's rise continued in 1968 with "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," in which he played a sensitive man who could not hear or speak. He starred as the bumbling French detective in "Inspector Clouseau" that same year, but the film would become overlooked in favor of Peter Sellers' Clouseau in the "Pink Panther" movies.

Arkin's career as a character actor continued to blossom when Mike Nichols, a fellow Second City alumnus, cast him in the starring role as Yossarian, the victim of wartime red tape in 1970's "Catch-22," based on Joseph Heller's million-selling novel. Through the years, Arkin turned up in such favorites as "Edward Scissorhands," playing Johnny Depp's neighbor; and in the film version of David Mamet's "Glengarry Glen Ross" as a dogged real estate salesman. He and Reiner played brothers, one successful (Reiner), one struggling (Arkin), in the 1998 film "The Slums of Beverly Hills."

"I used to think that my stuff had a lot of variety. But I realized that for the first twenty years or so, most of the characters I played were outsiders, strangers to their environment, foreigners in one way or another," he told The Associated Press in 2007.

"As I started to get more and more comfortable with myself, that started to shift. I got one of the nicest compliments I've ever gotten from someone a few days ago. They said that they thought my characters were very often the heart, the moral center of a film. I didn't particularly understand it, but I liked it; it made me happy."

Other recent credits included "Going in Style," a 2017 remake featuring fellow Oscar winners Michael Caine and Morgan Freeman, and "The Kominsky Method." He played a Hollywood talent agent and friend of Douglas' character, a once-promising actor who ran an acting school after his career sputtered.

He also was the voice of Wild Knuckles in the 2022 animated film "Minions: The Rise of Gru."

Arkin also directed the film version of Jules Feiffer's 1971 dark comedy "Little Murders" and Neil Simon's 1972 play about bickering old vaudeville partners, "The Sunshine Boys." On television, Arkin appeared in the short-lived series "Fay" and "Harry" and played a night court judge in Sidney Lumet's drama series "100 Centre Street" on A&E. He also wrote several books for children.

Born in New York City's borough of Brooklyn, he and his family, which included two younger brothers, moved to Los Angeles when he was 11. His parents found jobs as teachers, but were fired during the post-World War II Red Scare because they were Communists.

"We were dirt poor so I couldn't afford to go to the movies often," he told the AP in 1998. "But I went whenever I could and focused in on movies, as they were more important than anything in my life."

He studied acting at Los Angeles City College; California State University, Los Angeles; and Bennington College in Vermont, where he earned a scholarship to the formerly all-girls school.

He married a fellow student, Jeremy Yaffe, and they had two sons, Adam and Matthew.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Naomi Campbell welcomes her second child, a boy

Naomi Campbell has welcomed baby No. 2. "My little darling, know that you are cherished beyond measure and surrounded by love from the moment you graced us with your presence," she posted Thursday on Instagram. "A True Gift from God - blessed!" The supermodel and host of the reality competition series "The Face" confirmed the baby is a boy. Campbell, 53, did not offer further the details. In May 2021, she introduced her firstborn on Instagram, followed by the cover of British Vogue, saying only that the child, a girl, "wasn't adopted. ... She's my child." *(AP)*

National Geographic will end newsstand sales

NEW YORK (AP)—The familiar yellow-bordered cover of the monthly National Geographic will no longer be for sale on newsstands starting next year, part of cutbacks affecting the venerable magazine. The company's focus is turning to its digital product and it will offer special editions on newsstands, a spokesman said on Thursday. Subscribers will still get a printed copy each month. Newsstand sales account for a small percentage of the magazine's monthly circulation of just below 1.8 million copies, the magazine said.

Travis Scott will not face criminal charges in crowd surge at Texas festival

HOUSTON (AP)—A Texas grand jury declined to indict rapper Travis Scott in a criminal investigation of a deadly crowd surge at the 2021 Astroworld festival, where some spectators were packed so tightly they could not move their arms or even breathe, his attorney and prosecutors said Thursday. Lawyer Kent Schaffer confirmed that the Harris County grand jury had met and decided not to indict his client on any criminal charges stemming from the concert. "He never encouraged people to do anything that resulted in other people being hurt," Schaffer said, adding that the decision is "a great relief."

Strict schedule leaves little room to adjust

DEAR ABBY: I am a perpetual planner, unlike my family and friends. I joke that I live and die by my calendar. Like many families, mine constantly goes in different directions for school activities, work trips, doctor's appointments, visits to/from out of town for family, etc.

Our "planned chaos" overwhelms others who live life on a whim. Although I'm busy, I still offer my help, take my child and the neighbor kids to/from school or sporting events, or make the occasional weekend trip out of town for family events while juggling everyday life.

My family and friends say I need to ease up and be more flexible when plans change. I try to be, but often another person's lack of planning greatly impacts my day—e.g., carpool changes that force me to take conference calls while rushing to and from. Or friends showing up 35 minutes late for a dinner reservation.

I'm told to "relax," but no one seems to see how disrespectful of my time they're being. I try to be mindful of others, but everyone else seems to care only for themselves. What do you think?

SCHEDULED IN GEORGIA

DEAR SCHEDULED: If sticking to a schedule works for you and your family, I see nothing wrong with it—as long as you manage to remain gracious when unforeseen things come up. Keeping someone waiting for longer than 20 minutes is rude. (I would wait no more than 30 minutes for late arrivals before leaving.) Also, participating in conference calls while ferrying kids to events may be a safety risk not worth taking because you can't fully concentrate on the road.

Don't be a pushover, but resist the urge to shame others for their lack of calendar excellence. All any of us can do is the best we can when navigating through the demands of each day.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband lies to me all the time. It could be about spending money or something as small as forgetting to start the dishwasher. He nearly went too far with a woman from work. I finally spoke up after I felt it was an emotional affair. His response? "Well, you and I weren't getting along, so I didn't see anything wrong with it."

He doesn't seem to be sorry for anything he does. He says the word "sorry" a lot, but there is no remorse. He also lies to the people he works with. I know I enable him because I threaten to leave and never follow through. I have asked him to talk with a counselor, but he refuses.

I'm not sure why I stay because he doesn't act like he wants me to be around. He's obsessed with video games and doesn't act like he respects me. What should I do? Why do I feel I deserve to be treated like this?

FEELING LIKE MRS. STUPID

DEAR FEELING LIKE: You are asking excellent questions. Although your husband has no interest in getting to the root of his behavior by talking with a licensed psychotherapist, there's no reason why you shouldn't consult one.

Understanding what makes your husband tick isn't nearly as important at this point as understanding your reason for staying with someone like him. Once you do, your life will change for the better.

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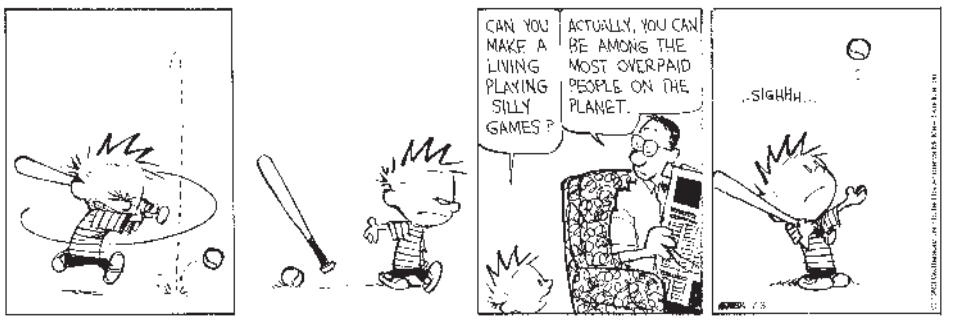
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



Garfield®

By Jim Davis

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By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

...THAT'S WHY I INVEST IN GOLD.
MAYBE WE SHOULD DIVERSIFY IN PRECIOUS METALS.
GOOD POINT. I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO SELL MY SLINKY IN ORDER TO BUY MORE MATCHBOX CARS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Terrific!"
4 Nabokov novel
7 Seethe
11 Oil cartel
13 "You bet!"
14 Valentine border
15 Sister of Rachel
16 Golfer Ernie
17 Luau strings
18 Celtic priest
20 Head, to Henri
22 Rotating part
24 Forbidden acts
28 Lottery winner's cry
32 Singer Haggard
33 Out of the storm
34 West of Hollywood
36 Bring up
37 Cathartic drug
39 Detach by ripping
41 Takes effect
43 Diane's role in "The Godfather"
44 Yankee nickname
46 Chef's garb
50 Use an old phone
53 Sandy shade
55 "— Rock"
56 Fed. workplace monitor
57 Moody music
58 Coup d' —
59 Incite
60 Society newbie
61 Rock's Brian

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2 Mimic
3 Suitor
4 Sailor's "yes"
5 Shoulder muscle, for short
6 Plus
7 Picnic dessert
8 Sturdy tree
9 "Rocks"
10 French article
12 Picnic sandwich filling
19 Calendar box
21 Highland hat
23 "Tasty!"
25 Crunchy cookie
26 "Frozen" character
27 Feudal laborer
28 Colleen
29 Fonda's beekeeper role
30 Penny
31 "Mangia!"
35 Comics cry
38 Melody
40 Motorist's org.
42 Famous
45 Titled woman
47 Assess
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49 Peacekeeping org.
50 Pooch
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52 "Caught ya!"
54 San Francisco's — Hill

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Last Friday's Answer 07/03

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Olivia Munn, 43; Andrea Barber, 47; Shawnee Smith, 54; Montel Williams, 67.

Happy Birthday: Speak from the heart, and you'll touch those who listen. A genuine approach to life, love and happiness will lead to the opportunities that help you turn your skills, knowledge and experience into something concrete. Refuse to be a follower when your heart is into following your dreams, hopes and wishes. Trust your instincts when it comes to partnerships and joint ventures. Believe in yourself and control your destiny. Your numbers are 9, 13, 22, 25, 33, 41, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Words matter. Make sure you understand the consequences of your actions. A serious discussion may not be welcome, but it will resolve issues. Consider your options; you can stress over what to do or you can make things happen and move on. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Be receptive to people with something to offer, and you'll learn something to help you advance. Communication, travel and education will bring valuable connections and new opportunities. Don't take on something risky or unhealthy. Avoid toxic people. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Focus on what you can do for yourself or to improve your situation. Outside help will come at a cost you may not want to pay. Don't burden yourself with drama or manipulative individuals. Rearrange your home to make your life easier. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Share your thoughts and clear up any misunderstandings quickly. You have plenty to gain if you are persistent and open to suggestions. Leave nothing to chance, and you'll create something that makes you stand out. Commit to someone or something. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Pay attention. Don't overdo it or let temptation set in and cost you emotionally, financially or physically. Put a plan in place that helps you lower your spending and encourages regular exercise and proper eating habits. Keep life simple and change only what's necessary. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Observation will help you make better decisions. Do your research, gather facts and do what's right. Change begins with you. Explore the possibilities, and adjust what isn't working for you. Concentrate on your goals, and your dream will turn into a reality. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Assess your situation, evaluate your position and discover how to improve things. Offer physical help, but don't donate money or offer to pay for someone else's mistake. Pay attention to detail, or someone will complain or criticize you. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Don't take unnecessary risks. Pay attention to what others do and say. Prepare to curb habits and find efficient ways to reach your goals. Changing how you view partnerships will lead to better communication and opportunities. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Schedule something that puts a smile on your face or encourages you to look and do your best. Watch out for a fast-talking sales pitch geared to take your money. A bargain is only worthwhile if it's something you need. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* The possibilities are endless. Keep your eyes open, and don't hesitate to take advantage of whatever comes your way. An attractive financial concept will grab your attention. If it checks out and offers an excellent alternative to your current situation, make it happen. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't share personal or financial information. Nurture meaningful relationships and protect what's yours. Refuse to get involved in gossip, and only pass along honest information that's in your best interest. Limit spending and paying for others. Spread peace, not discord. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* You are in a good position; don't hesitate to make a move. Price out the cost of your plans, and share your thoughts with those affected by your decisions. Communication will bring you closer to someone who shares your beliefs and goals. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are persistent, unique and demonstrative. You are sensitive and opportunity-driven.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty: ★ 7/3

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's Answer

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Difficulty: ★★★★ 6/30

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

APPLIANCE WARRANTIES Solution: 7 letters

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Lillard asks Trail Blazers for a trade, team confirms

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Damian Lillard has said repeatedly that he wants to contend for a championship. After 11 years in Portland, he has decided he needs to move elsewhere to make that happen.

Lillard asked the Trail Blazers for a trade, a move that will end the seven-time All-Star's tenure with that team, two people familiar with the matter said Saturday. The team later confirmed that Lillard had made the request.

Lillard is generating interest from the Miami Heat and Brooklyn Nets, among others, according to the people who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no details were announced publicly. One of the people told the AP that Lillard's preference is Miami—the reigning Eastern Conference champion—though that hardly guarantees the Trail Blazers will work to facilitate that specific move.

"We have been clear that we want Dame here, but he notified us today he wants out and he'd prefer to play someplace else," Blazers general manager Joe Cronin said in a statement distributed by the team. "What has not changed for us is that we're committed to winning, and we are going to do what's best for the team in pursuit of that goal."

Lillard is coming off a season in which he averaged 32.2 points for the Trail Blazers. He is a seven-time All-NBA selection and was selected to the NBA's 75th anniversary team—but he has never been close to a title in his 11 seasons in the league.

AP

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard brings the ball up against the New York Knicks during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

He has met with Portland multiple times in recent weeks, asking for the roster to be upgraded to the point where he can compete for a championship. But those efforts, evidently, have not gone to Lillard's liking and led to him asking to be moved.

His decision was revealed on the second day of NBA free agency, after Portland made a huge splash on the first night by retaining Jerami Grant with a $160 million, five-year deal.

For as great as his resume is, Lillard hasn't enjoyed much in the way of postseason success. The Blazers have won only four playoff series in his 11 seasons, making the Western Conference finals once during that span. The team went 33-49 this past season, the second consecutive year of finishing well outside the playoff picture.

But Lillard is, by any measure, a dynamic player. He has averaged at least 24 points per game in each of the last eight seasons, and his career average of 25.2 points ranks fourth among active players (with at least 375 games) behind Kevin Durant, Joel Embiid and LeBron James. If that list was expanded to all players with no game minimums, Luka Doncic, Zion Williamson and Trae Young would also be ahead of Lillard.

He had a 71-point game this past season against Houston, has 17 games of at least 50 points in his career—two of them in the playoffs—and is a past rookie of the year, teammate of the year and winner of the NBA's citizenship award. He's even an Olympic gold medalist, winning one alongside Miami's Bam Adebayo at the Tokyo Games and raving about how much he enjoyed playing with the Heat center.

The only glaring omission on Lillard's resume is a championship. And now he'll seek a move to change that.

"I would say I want to be remembered for who I was, not as a player, but the principle that I stood on regardless of how successful I was, how major the failure was, the criticism, what people thought I should have did, what people think of me ... no matter what was happening, I want to be remembered for who I was," Lillard said in an interview with former teammate Evan Turner for the "Point Forward" podcast earlier this year. "I stood tall. I've stood tall in every situation and I want to be remembered for that."

It will take some team—whether it's Miami, Brooklyn or anyone else—a massive haul of probably both players and draft picks to persuade Portland to trade Lillard. He will make almost $46 million this coming season and could make as much as $216 million over the next four years if he exercises his option for the 2026-27 season.

While Lillard was beloved in Portland, there was speculation about his future with the team when the Blazers took point guard Scoot Henderson with the No. 3 overall pick in the recent draft rather than package the pick for a proven star.

At the time, Cronin said he intended to play both Lillard and Henderson.

"I would love to see Dame retire a Trail Blazer. I have zero desire to trade him. I really hopes this works out here," Cronin said on draft night. "And I think you can tell how excited I am about Scoot Henderson. He has a chance to be a special player in this league."

The Blazers signed Henderson to a rookie contract on Saturday. The 6-foot-2 teenager who has been compared to Russell Westbrook spent the past two seasons with the G League Ignite.

Last season with Ignite, Henderson averaged 17.6 points and a team-high 6.5 assists. He graduated early from high school in Marietta, Georgia, to become the youngest player ever in the G League.

Lakers keeping Reaves, Russell; Bucks keep Lopez in free agency

The Los Angeles Lakers kept two of their best guards. The Milwaukee Bucks retained their big man, as the early trend in free agency of most players staying put continued Saturday.

Dillon Brooks, though, is off to a new beginning in Houston.

Austin Reaves agreed to a four-year deal that could be worth $56 million, and D'Angelo Russell returned to the Lakers as well on a $37 million, two-year deal, people with knowledge of those transactions told The Associated Press. The Athletic first reported the agreement with Reaves, and ESPN first reported the agreement with Russell.

Reaves and Russell were both starters in the postseason for the Lakers, who made the Western Conference finals before falling to the eventual NBA champion Denver Nuggets.

Also Saturday, Milwaukee—which had already retained Khris Middleton—kept center Brook Lopez on a two-year deal, a person familiar with the agreement told the AP. The Athletic and ESPN reported the deal was worth $48 million for the 35-year-old Lopez, who averaged 15.9 points in 78 games this past season for the Bucks.

Russell Westbrook is also staying where he ended last season, agreeing to a two-year deal with the Los Angeles Clippers — after starting the last 21 games for them in the regular season and their five playoff games. The second year is at Westbrook's option, a source said; ESPN reported the deal was worth $8 million.

Brooks—who made tons of headlines for his talking, on and off the court, during Memphis' first-round playoff series against the Lakers—is getting a new home in Houston, after agreeing to a four-year deal worth nearly $80 million, a source told AP. ESPN reported it may become a sign-and-trade, one that would create a massive trade exception for the Grizzlies.

Brooks was fined by the NBA for not talking to the media after some playoff losses, including the last one that happened to be the worst playoff loss in franchise history. He was ejected from Game 3 of that series for striking LeBron James in the groin. That was after he called James "old" and led the NBA with 18 technical fouls this season, earning a pair of one-game suspensions in the process.

Brooks was offered an extension last year but turned it down. The Grizzlies later decided he wouldn't be in their future plans.

While Reaves, Russell, Lopez and Westbrook stayed put, Max Strus found a new home.

Strus—who helped Miami get to the NBA Finals—is headed to the Cleveland Cavaliers, agreeing to a $63 million, four-year deal that was finalized Saturday by making the transaction part of a three-team trade, according to two people familiar with the negotiations.

Strus goes to the Cavaliers, who will send Cedi Osman and Lamar Stevens to San Antonio while Miami gets future second-round draft compensation, said the people who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the trade terms have not been approved by the NBA.

ESPN first reported the trade agreement.

Strus was a starter for Miami in its playoff runs over the last two years, including this past season's trip to the finals against Denver. He averaged a career-best 11.5 points this past season and has shot 37% from 3-point range in his career.

Cleveland clearly prioritized shooting. The Cavs struck deals with Caris LeVert ($32 million, two years) and Georges Niang ($26 million, three years) on Friday; Niang is a career 40% shooter on 3s, and LeVert shot a career-best 39% from beyond the arc this past season.

The Knicks, who beat the Cavaliers in the first round for their first postseason victory in a decade, added another former NCAA champion from Villanova by agreeing to a deal with Donte DiVincenzo. The swingman joins college teammates Jalen Brunson and Josh Hart with a four-year, $50 million deal, a person with knowledge of the details said.

Also Saturday, Orlando retained Moritz Wagner ($16 million, two years) and the Heat added Thomas Bryant ($5.4 million, two years, second at his option) to give them some extra size. Bryant was with the Nuggets for their title run.

Dwight Powell agreed to return to the Mavericks on a three-year contract, which could push the Dallas tenure past 10 years for a secondary piece in the trade that brought Rajon Rondo from Boston in 2015. Rondo only spent that partial 2014-15 season with the Mavs.

Powell, meanwhile, has been a solid role player at center, starting 243 of his 582 games in Dallas. The 6-foot-10 Canadian has averaged 7.6 points and 4.6 rebounds for the Mavs. This is Powell's third contract with the Mavs and was confirmed to AP by a person with knowledge of the details.

Most deals cannot be finalized until July 6, and Strus became one of the biggest names to leave for a new team in the early stages of free agency. Fred VanVleet ($130 million, three years) left Toronto for Houston, and Bruce Brown Jr. ($45 million, two years) left Denver for Indiana.

Many players stayed put: Jerami Grant ($160 million, five years) remained in Portland, Kyrie Irving ($126 million, three years) remained in Dallas, Cam Johnson ($108 million, four years) stays in Brooklyn, Middleton ($102 million, three years) stayed in Milwaukee, Kyle Kuzma ($102 million, four years) remained in Washington and Draymond Green ($100 million, four years) remained with Golden State.

And some players eligible for rookie-scale extensions also cashed in Saturday on deals that will take effect in 2024-25.

Desmond Bane in Memphis and Tyrese Haliburton in Indiana struck agreements in the wee hours of Saturday on contracts that will be worth an estimated $207 million apiece over five years, with Haliburton potentially able to reach $260 million if he makes an All-NBA team. Later Saturday, LaMelo Ball agreed to the framework of a similar deal with Charlotte, a person with knowledge of the details said, and he could also see the value escalate from $207 million to $260 million if he reaches All-NBA status. ***(AP)***

Mets slug 3 quick homers, Verlander finally wins in 4-1 win over Giants

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Verlander pitched seven steady innings for his first victory in nearly six weeks and slumping rookie Francisco Álvarez hit the first of three quick homers that powered the New York Mets past the San Francisco Giants 4-1 on Saturday.

Brandon Nimmo and Francisco Lindor launched back-to-back shots as the Mets went deep three times in a span of four batters against Anthony DeSclafani (4-8) in the third.

Tommy Pham added an RBI double off Sean Manaea in the fourth, and New York (37-46) opened July with a much-needed win after going 6-19 in its previous 25 games.

The 40-year-old Verlander (3-4) gave up five hits, struck out six and didn't allow an earned run for his 247th victory and first since May 21 against Cleveland.

The only run the Giants scored came on Thairo Estrada's double-play grounder in the seventh following a throwing error by first baseman Pete Alonso—his second in two days.

San Francisco (46-37) fell to 14-5 in its last 19 games dating to June 11.

PHILLIES 19, NATIONALS 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Alec Bohm homered twice and tied his career high with six RBIs, and Philadelphia scored its most runs in five years in winning for the sixth time in eight games and for the 12th time in 16.

Kyle Schwarber had a grand slam, and Nick Castellanos homered, singled and doubled with three RBIs for the Phillies, who scored their most runs since beating Miami 20-1 on April 7, 2018. Philadelphia had 18 hits, including four by Bohm, who matched his career best.

Zack Wheeler (7-4) won his fourth straight decision, giving up four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Bryce Harper doubled, had two hits and drove in two runs, and J.T. Realmuto also had two RBIs.

BRAVES 7, MARLINS 0

ATLANTA (AP)—Ronald Acuña and Ozzie Albies homered as part of a six-run first inning to lead Atlanta as Miami's Luis Arraez, the major league batting leader, saw his average dip to .388.

Charlie Morton (8-6) struck out five in 5 2/3 innings and scattered four hits and one walk in winning his third consecutive start. Kirby Yates, Nick Anderson, Ben Heller, and Joe Jiménez completed the shutout for the Braves out of the bullpen.

Matt Olson went 2 for 4 with a run scored, and Austin Riley was 2 for 4 with two runs scored for the Braves, who have won 23 of their last 27 games and lead the second-place Marlins by eight games in the NL East.

Marlins rookie Eury Pérez (5-4) lasted just a third of an inning, giving up six runs and seven hits. He threw 35 pitches.

CARDINALS 11, YANKEES 4, 1ST GAME YANKEES 6, CARDINALS 2, 2ND GAME

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Harrison Bader had a first-inning sacrifice fly in his return to St. Louis, rookie Anthony Volpe hit a go-ahead triple as part of his fifth straight multi-hit game and New York earned a doubleheader split by winning the nightcap.

St. Louis won the rain-interrupted opener behind Paul Goldschmidt's go-ahead, three-run homer off Luis Severino in a five-run third. Jack Flaherty pitched six shutout innings, Goldschmidt had four RBIs and Nolan Gorman also homered for the Cardinals, who reached double-digit runs for the first time since May 21.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa had three hits in the second game as the Yankees won for the fifth time in their last seven.

Lars Nootbaar homered for St. Louis, which fell to a 34-48, its worst 82-game start since 1990. Nootbar hit a first-inning homer off opener Ian Hamilton as the Yankees went with a bullpen game because of Friday's rainout.

Michael King (2-4) allowed one hit while pitching scoreless relief over a season-high 3 1/3 innings. Wandy Peralta, Tommy Kahnle and Clay Holmes followed with an inning each.

PADRES 12, REDS 5

CINCINNATI (AP)—Juan Soto hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the sixth inning, Manny Machado followed three pitches later with the first of his two home runs and San Diego stopped a six-game losing streak.

Soto had four RBIs and Machado and Fernando Tatis three each for the Padres, who have not lost seven in a row since Sept. 24 to Oct. 1, 2021.

Michael Wacha (8-2), pitching on his 32nd birthday, won his third straight decision. Wacha allowed one run and five hits in five innings in his first outing since June 19, after missing a turn because of shoulder discomfort.

AP

New York Mets starting pitcher Justin Verlander (35) throws in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants, Saturday, July 1, 2023, in New York.

RED SOX 7, BLUE JAYS 6

TORONTO (AP)—Rafael Devers hit his 20th home run, Justin Turner homered and scored three times as Boston spoiled Canada Day celebrations in Toronto.

Right fielder Alex Verdugo threw out Bo Bichette at home plate for the final out of the game after Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit an RBI single off Red Sox closer Kenley Jansen. George Springer scored on the play, but Bichette was tagged out by catcher Caleb Hamilton. Toronto's challenge was unsuccessful.

MARINERS 8, RAYS 3

SEATTLE (AP)—Jarred Kelenic hit a tiebreaking single off Tyler Glasnow in the sixth inning, Teoscar Hernández added a two-run double in a three-run seventh and Seattle beat Tampa Bay to halt a three-game skid.

George Kirby (7-7) allowed two runs and two hits in seven innings with seven strikeouts, and the Mariners backed him with 13 hits. Paul Sewald earned his 15th save in 18 chances.

Yandy Díaz doubled in the sixth for the Rays' first hit and Luke Raley homered.

RANGERS 5, ASTROS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Nathan Eovaldi pitched seven scoreless innings to become the American League's second 10-game winner and AL West-leading Texas beat second-place Houston.

Eovaldi (10-3) struck out five and limited the Astros to two singles, but also had a season-high four walks.

Marcus Semien, Corey Seager and Josh Jung each drove in a run for Texas. Switch-hitting catcher Jonah Heim had three hits and scored a run.

TWINS 1, ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE (AP)—Bailey Ober allowed two hits over seven innings, Joey Gallo homered and Minnesota extended Baltimore's losing streak to a season-high four games.

Ober (5-4) gave up a second-inning single to Gunnar Henderson, hit Ryan O'Hearn with a pitch in the fourth and yielded a single to Anthony Santander in the seventh. Those were the only runners to reach base. as the right-hander struck out eight and did not allow a runner past first.

Griffin Jax worked the eighth and Jhoan Duran got three outs to complete the three-hitter and earn his 12th save in 14 chances.

ATHLETICS 7, WHITE SOX 6, 10 INNINGS

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Tyler Wade slid into home with the winning run after second baseman Elvis Andrus misplayed a 10th-inning grounder, giving Oakland a victory over Chicago.

With Wade on second as the automatic runner, former A's pitcher Kendall Graveman (3-4) got the first two outs of the 10th. JJ Bleday hit a routine grounder to Andrus. The ball bounced off the second baseman's glove, and he retrieved the ball and threw too late to first as Bleday slid across the base. Wade kept on running and slid across the plate to beat the throw from first baseman Gavin Sheets.

Shintaro Fujinami (4-7) worked around a hit batter in the top of the 10th, striking out two.

Seth Brown homered for the A's and Bleday had two RBIs.

BREWERS 11, PIRATES 8

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Corbin Burnes carried a perfect game into the sixth inning, Christian Yelich hit his 10th home run and Milwaukee survived a late rally to end Pittsburgh's four-game winning streak.

Burnes (6-5) retired the first 15 batters he faced before walking Jared Triolo leading off the sixth. A walk and a hit batter loaded the bases with two outs and Jack Suwinski ended Burnes' shot at a no-hitter with a clean two-run single to right field.

It was the only hiccup for Burnes, who struck out seven against two walks in seven innings to win for just the second time since May 12.

ROYALS 6, DODGERS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Kansas City rudely welcomed Dodgers pitcher Julio Urías back from the injured list by scoring five times in the first inning and holding on for a rain-delayed win over Los Angeles.

Daniel Lynch (2-3) nearly gave all his support back when he allowed three runs in the second. But the lefthander settled down, eventually throwing 108 pitches to get through five innings. He allowed five hits and three walks with four strikeouts, helping the Royals beat the Dodgers for just the second time in their last 10 meetings.

TIGERS 4, ROCKIES 2, 10 INNINGS

DENVER (AP)—Zach McKinstry hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the 10th inning, lifting Detroit past Colorado.

With Jonathan Schoop at second as the automatic runner, Eric Haase singled off Pierce Johnson (1-4) to put runners at the corners. McKinstry followed with his sixth homer, a 400-foot drive over the right-center fence and into the Rockies bullpen.

Kris Bryant hit a two-out RBI single in the bottom half off Alex Lange (5-2), as Detroit sealed its 21st come-from-behind win this year.

Six Tigers combined on a six-hitter as both teams went with bullpen games.

Colorado's Ezequiel Tovar hit a two-out RBI single in the sixth to extend his career-best hitting streak to 14 games.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, ANGELS 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Ryne Nelson worked 7 1/3 strong innings and Dominic Fletcher and Jake McCarthy had RBIs as Arizona beat Los Angeles.

The Diamondback scored all their runs against the Angels' bullpen and clinched first series win since taking two of three against Cleveland in mid-June.

Nelson (5-4) was catalyst for Arizona, giving up one run, three hits and one walk while striking out six.

On Sunday, the Diamondbacks will go for their first series sweep since taking three games from Detroit on June 9-11.

Anthony Rendon hit his second home run of the season for Los Angeles, which has lost four in a row. Shohei Ohtani was hitless in four at-bats and Mike Trout went 0 for 3.

GUARDIANS 6, CUBS 0

CHICAGO (AP)—Rookie Tanner Bibee and three relievers combined on a five-hitter, and Cleveland blanked Chicago.

Bibee (5-2) tossed three-hit ball into the sixth while outpitching Marcus Stroman, and the Guardians came out on top in a game delayed 2 hours, 45 minutes at the start because of rain.

Amed Rosario lined a two-run single in the third. Andrés Giménez chased Stroman (9-6) with an RBI single in a four-run sixth, and the Guardians bounced back after getting pounded 10-1 the previous night. The Cubs had matched a season high with their five straight losses after winning 11 of 13.

Bibee went 5 2/3 innings and matched a season high with nine strikeouts while walking two. Sam Hentges, Nick Sandlin and Eli Morgan combined to finish Cleveland's seventh shutout.

Stroman lasted 5 2/3 innings, allowing five runs and five hits.

Senate honors Abner Venus

MARK RABAGO

The family of former Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands president Abner Venus poses with Senate members, led by Senate president Edith DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), during the presentation of a commemorative resolution recognizing his enormous contributions to the sport of basketball last Friday at the Senate chamber.

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Former Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands president Abner Venus last Friday was posthumously honored with a Senate resolution recognizing his enormous contributions to the sport.

"The 23rd Legislature joins the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in extending acknowledgment and commendation to Abner Fernando Venus and his steadfast efforts to enhance the well-being of the Commonwealth and its people," read the Senate resolution signed by Senate President Edith Deleon Guerrero (D-Saipan) and Senate legislative secretary Sen. Celina Babauta (D-Saipan).

The resolution said Venus served in various capacities in his many years of service within the Commonwealth community including working as a physical education teacher at Mount Carmel School; within the purchasing department of Hakubotan Duty Free, Saipan; a manager with Microl Wine and Spirits; with Microl Toyota where he served in the capacities of Rent-a-Car manager, Body Shop and Service Department manager, and a salesperson; and with the Division of Youth Services as a community outreach technician.

Venus also unselfishly spent his free time in numerous government and community-related activities including serving as president of the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands. He also was a FIBA Oceania-certified referee (level 1), a FIBA-certified statistician (level 1), a FIBA-certified coach (level 1), and was also the president of the BANMI Referees Association.

The Iloilo, Philippines native also was a coordinator of the DYS Summer Youth Camp from 2012-2014 and served as organizer of the 2006 Micronesian Games basketball competition.

Ray Lizama, who worked with Venus to form a masters basketball federation in the 1990s, considers Venus one of the prime movers of basketball in the CNMI.

"When we first started the masters, I threw that proposition to Abner to join me to form the masters federation and he didn't even hesitate. So he's been a part of the basketball community for the longest time… Thank you, Senate President Edith and the members of the Senate for recognizing a very close and dear friend of mine. I consider him my right man for all the years that we've been running the association, the masters federation. Thank you very much for this honor for a good friend of ours who we lost recently."

Former BANMI president and NMSA Hall of Famer Elias Rangamar, for his part, said the posthumous honor is well deserved.

"Like what Ray echoed, Abner was instrumental in improving the sport of basketball. Our leagues were at their peak when we were all running the leagues in the '90s and 2000s. Even though when he was sick he was still sharing to me that he feels bad he couldn't help with the sport like he used to. We're going to really miss him."

Venus' son, Marc, thanked the Senate on behalf of the entire family for the commemorative resolution they bestowed to his father.

"We just want to, first and foremost, thank the Senate president for introducing this resolution and the rest of the Senate for passing it. We also like to send our special thanks to coach Eli and Ray for making this possible and also to all of the colleagues of my dad throughout his life and basketball. Also, we just want to spread our thanks to everyone who shared their condolences and their respects to me and my family throughout this difficult time."

The younger Venus used to join his father in officiating games.

"If it wasn't for him, and his efforts of improving the sport of basketball throughout his life, I wouldn't have been involved as well. My goal is to try to get back into it over time and continue his goal of improving the sport for the children," he said.

Venus, who died of complications from diabetes last April 17, is survived by his wife, Cristy, and children Ruby Ann, Julcristener A. Venus, Marc Christian, and James Michael.

July 4th 2-miler tomorrow

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Run, jog, or walk this July 4th before festivities begin as Run Saipan presents its 3rd Annual 4th of July Independence Day 2-Mile Race this Tuesday morning.

The route is from the Garapan Fishing Base, heading south on the Beach Road Pathway and back for an easy 2-mile course.

This race is sponsored by Latte Built and is a sanctioned race by Northern Marianas Athletics.

This race was inspired by the U.S. Army Combat Physical Fitness Test, in which they do a 2-mile run among other workouts.

Last year, the overall finisher went to Michael Denevan with a time of 12 minutes flat. First place for the women's division went to Dr. Lily Muldoon at 12:49.

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. said of the race, "The difference this year is that it's a standard 2-mile race like the first one. No swag give outs this year. Just people who want to get a 2-miler in for 4th of July. Prizes will be a surprise for the people who show up."

Last year, they had a "Pie Challenge" in which members of the CNMI National Athletics Team got to smash pies on national coach Dr. Ron Snyder, sprints coach David Shamburger, and Run Saipan president Edward S. Dela Cruz Jr. if they outran them in the race.

For more information on the 3rd Annual 4th of July Independence Day 2-Mile Race, contact Edward S. Dela Cruz Jr. at runsaipan@gmail.com and (670) 287-0891. To register, click on https://raceroster.com/events/2023/77516/july-4th-independence-day-2-mile-race-23.

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ning a national championship was that next step for me. It's a good feeling to know that all the work I've put in has been paying off and I'm excited to see further improvements."

Cristobal previously won gold and the best lifter award in the Crestview Bar Slam 2023 last March; won gold in the Miami Classic last January; won gold in the Buccaneer Barbell Bash In October 2022; won silver in the USA Weightlifting Under 25 National Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada in June 2022; and silver in the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games last June.

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around 6am, but it was already hot and sunny. The temperature of the race day was 95 degrees fahrenheit and there was no wind. I strived to keep running without a walking break because once I walk or stop running, it's not easy to run again."

Meanwhile, her favorite part of the Park Love Marathon was the warm welcome she received from everyone.

"Most participants are veteran runners who have completed full marathons more than 100 times. They tried to help and encouraged me to complete my race. While I was running, they cheered me with an energetic shoutout of 'Go Saipan!'"

What made Bang's full marathon feat more impressive was she completed it despite being under the weather in the runup to the event.

"I couldn't prepare well for this race because I was sick for 10 days. Since I ran 20 kilometers 10 days ago, I couldn't run and I just took a lot of rest and took medicine. So, I hesitated to participate in this race, but I decided to run. I want to share the joy of completing my first full marathon with all my friends and fellow members of Run Saipan," said Bang.

The next challenge for Bang, who returns to Saipan on July 23, is the JTBC Marathon on Nov. 5.

"It is one of three major races in Korea and 35,000 runners will participate. I'm so excited about this race because I will run through the heart of Seoul!"

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. congratulated Bang for her latest achievement.

"Ann Bang is one of the—if not the most—intense runners I have ever met. If she says she will do something running related, she will obliterate that goal. Congratulations Ann for the first of many official marathons you will be running!"

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Maria Ornes won gold in the women's 55-59 year-old age group with a throw of 6.40m; silver went to Australia's Helen Roberts at 6.04m; and bronze went to Australia's Alison Fairweather at 5.26m.

Ornes also won gold in the discus throw with a distance of 23.71m and silver went to Roberts again with a 18.41m throw.

The CNMI's Rhonda Gross won silver in the 200m 40-44 year-old age group with a time of 37.66 seconds and bronze went to Sheila Isla at 42.57 seconds.

Gross also won silver in the long jump event with a distance of 3.12m behind Australia's Cassie Neubauer's 3.83m jump.

In the women's 45-49 age group, the CNMI's Marcia Calvo won gold in the 100m with a time of 22.86 seconds and also won gold in the 200m at 48.30 seconds.

The CNMI's Natalie Hill-Beyer won silver with a time of 10.25 seconds in the women's 40-44 60m race. First place went to Australia's Neubauer at 9.67 seconds and bronze went to the CNMI's Sheila Isla at 11.82 seconds.

Isla also won gold in the 800m with a time of 3:51.64 and gold in the 5,000m at 32:04.70.

The 52-year-old Sato said her experience in the championships was great. "It was a great experience for me to be able to engage and compete with athletes from other countries at a high level in various events", she said. "I really enjoyed having the chance to compete in various events which I haven't tried before in my life. There were many events offered in the master's division which gave me the chance to try out new things thanks to this event. It was also a great opportunity to be able to compete with people from various countries as it is an unusual and rare experience to be able to take part and participate in an event full of diverse people."

When asked what her favorite event was, she said it was the 100m race. "I wanted to see how my time was compared to when I was in high school and I am glad to say that my time was not different as much, so my goal is to overtake my time from high school the next time."

About the competition going up against fellow teammates, Australia, islands from Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia, she said "I went against athletes from Australia and Papua New Guinea in the long jump. [The] long jump was a new event for me which I never tried before since it is barely held on Saipan, so I couldn't do so well, but I was amazed watching the athlete from Australia jump, and it made me want to practice jumping like other athletes. I hope I have more chances to go against athletes from various countries in future years."

As an older athlete competing on the big stage, she said "Seeing other older athletes from different countries inspired me that I could still be an athlete and that age does not matter to compete and work as I want to. So, I also hope I could inspire other people as well that no one is ever too old to work out and do sports."

She then thanked people that supported her in the competition, the competitors, her team, and her husband, Kosuke, who also competed in the event and trained with her everyday. She also thanked the coordinators of the events who inspired her to challenge herself more as an athlete.

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Leowell golden in U25 weightlifting nationals

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The CNMI's Leowell Cristobal is continuing his medal haul in the sport of weightlifting as he won two more gold medals in the USA Weightlifting Under 25 National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado last June 27.

In the 67-kg weight class, the airman grabbed gold in the clean-and-jerk lift after his successful second attempt of 132 kg. His first attempt was 128 kg and he failed in his third attempt at 140 kg.

Second place went to Ben Nguyen at 128 kg; and third place went to Jonathan Gordon at 127 kg.

Cristobal got his second gold of the competition after he lifted the most out of all competitors with a 227-kg overall lift.

Nguyen was also second with a total weight of 225 kg and third went to Gordon again with a total 217 kg.

Cristobal then placed fourth in the snatch lift with only one successful attempt of 95 kg. He failed two of his previous 95-kg attempts.

First place in the snatch went to Felix Lien at 99 kg; second went to Enrique Carrillo at 97 kg; and third went to Ben Nguyen also at 97 kg.

Cristobal's personal best at the clean and jerk is 140 kg, his best snatch is 102 kg, and his best overall weight lifted is 240 kg.

The 2022 CNMI Weightlifting Team athlete is vying to represent and compete in the upcoming Pacific Games in the Solomon Islands this November and said that his preparation is coming along nicely.

On winning the national championship, he said "Win-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Leowell Cristobal, center, won two gold medals in the USA Weightlifting Under 25 National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado last June 27. Left is second place Ben Nguyen and right is third place Jonathan Gordon.

Ann Bang completes first marathon

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Ann Bang shows off her finisher's medal and certificate completion after running the Park Love Marathon last Saturday in Seoul, South Korea.

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Run Saipan long-distance master Ann Bang placed another feather on her cap after completing her first marathon event last Saturday in South Korea.

The 49-year-old took part in the Park Love Marathon in Seoul and finished the 42-kilometer run in 5:41:52.

Bang said the Park Love Marathon is a popular running event for veteran marathoners in the country for the past 20 years. It's held every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday at the same time and place.

She added the president of Korea Marathon TV has been running the event at his own expense for all people who love running.

"I was pleased to know this organization and completed my race successfully."

Asked what's the most challenging part of her first marathon, Bang said it was the searing hot weather.

"The hardest part of this run was absolutely the hot weather! I started running

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Chiharu Sato sweeps women's 50 age group

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The CNMI's masters athletes did exceptionally well during their stint in the 2023 Oceania Athletics Masters Championships from June 22 to 26 at the Oleai Sports Complex.

One standout was Chiharu Sato who swept all the events she participated in the women's 50 division.

She sprinted into a gold medal in the 60m race with a time of 10.32 seconds; Jessica Ortizo claimed silver with a time of 11.26 seconds; and bronze went to Lainie Price at 11.85 seconds.

Sato took gold again in the 100m with 17.25 seconds and silver went to Ortizo with a time of 17.25 seconds.

In the 200m, Sato was golden again with a time of 35.88 seconds. Ortizo was silver with a time of 40.69 seconds.

Sato was the lone runner in the 800m with 3:31.82 and was also the lone participant in the long jump event and recorded a distance of 2.92m.

In the other women's masters events, the CNMI's

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